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**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT**  
**STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS**  
**FY2025 Q1 UPDATES**

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**Note of correction:** *An initial version of this report mistakenly included the Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant within another project. The updated version correctly identifies the project as a standalone project under the Children, Families, and Education subheading.*





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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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## Executive Summary

### OVERVIEW

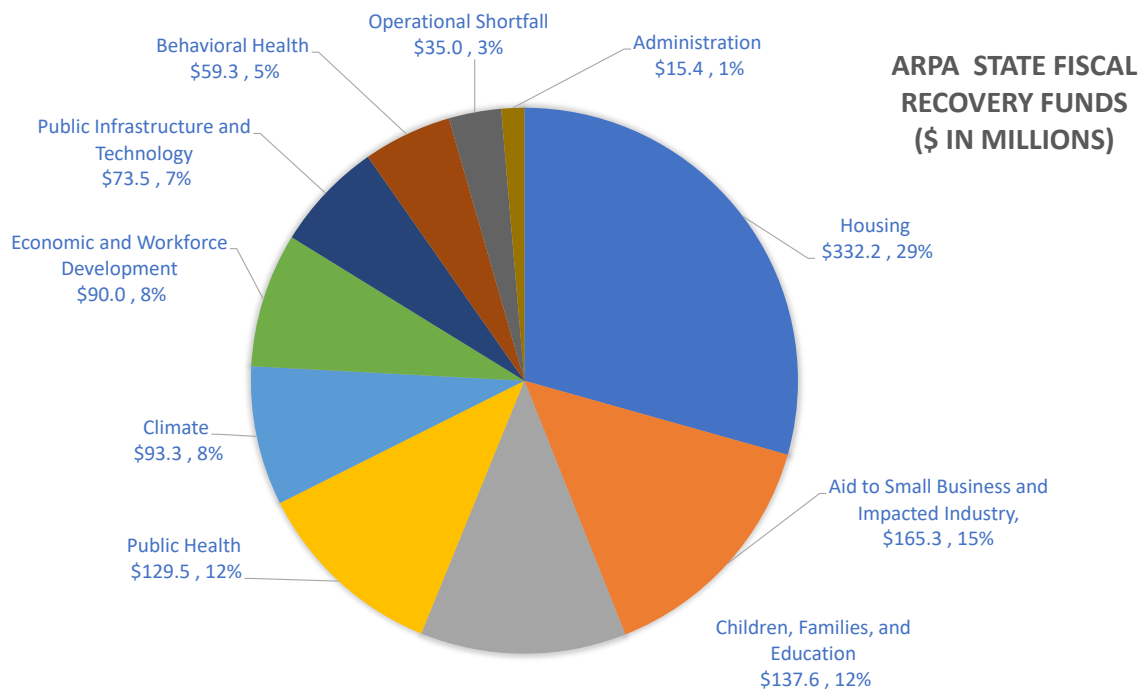
The federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) allocated federal funds to state and local governments to aid in the fiscal recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Act included direct allocations to states under the State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) program. Rhode Island received \$1,131.1 million in SFRF funding. Funds are required to be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026 (FY2027 Q2).

The State first appropriated a portion of SFRF in an amendment to the FY2022 Budget. The Governor proposed the use of approximately 10.0 percent of the SFRF in October 2021. The General Assembly held hearings that fall and early winter, and on January 4, 2022, the \$119.0 million ARPA “down payment” plan was adopted into law. The remainder of SFRF was allocated and appropriated in the FY2023 enacted budget, and amendments to projects and allocations have followed in the FY2023 Supplemental, FY2024 Enacted and Final, and FY2025 Enacted Budgets. This report summarizes updates through the 1st Quarter of FY2025. Changes to allocations and updates subsequent to September 30, 2024, will follow in subsequent reports.

### FY2024 BUDGET

The FY2024 Budget shifted funding allocations so that all funds were obligated in fiscal years 2022 through 2024, to assure federal obligation timelines are met. Funds may still be spent beyond FY2024, through December 2026. Appropriations bills for FY2024 through FY2027 will include carry forward allocations to allow spending in those outyears.

The Governor has categorized SFRF projects into nine functional areas, as shown in the chart.



The following table outlines SFRF allocations by fiscal year, adopted as of the FY2025 Budget as Enacted.

Category	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total Appropriations
Housing	\$20.8	\$46.3	\$247.8	\$17.3	\$332.2
Aid to Small Business and Impacted Industry	26.6	127.7	9.0	2.0	165.3
Children, Families, and Education	29.5	48.5	45.3	14.3	137.6
Public Health	-	78.5	40.2	10.8	129.5
Climate	-	8.5	84.8	-	93.3
Economic and Workforce Development	-	45.0	24.6	20.4	90.0
Public Infrastructure and Technology	0.3	0.2	31.0	42.0	73.5
Behavioral Health	-	8.3	49.1	1.9	59.3
Operational Shortfall	-	-	20.0	15.0	35.0
Administration	6.1	3.8	4.1	1.3	15.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$83.3</b>	<b>\$366.8</b>	<b>\$555.9</b>	<b>\$125.0</b>	<b>\$1,131.1</b>

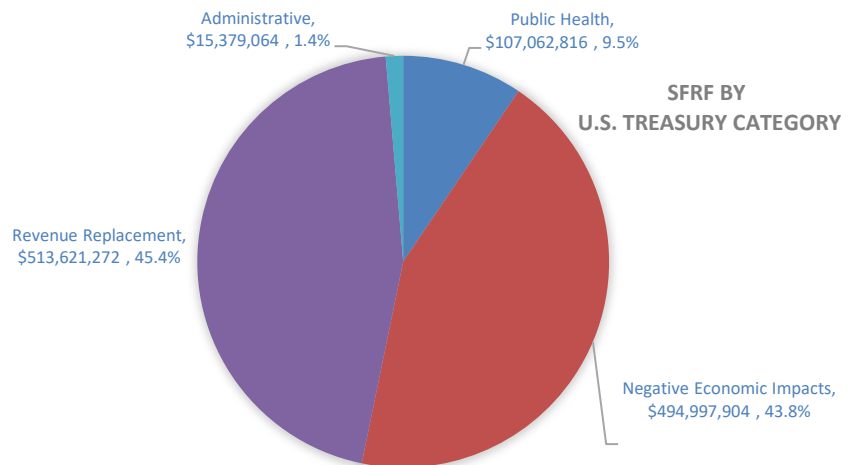
\$ in millions. Totals may vary due to rounding.

The multi-year spending plan is presented in detail in the Summary Tables section at the end of this report.

**U.S. TREASURY GUIDELINES**

The United States Treasury governs the use of federal SFRF monies. Under guidance issued by the agency, SFRF monies must be applied against the following allowable uses:

- (a) To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- (b) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers (This eligible use expired with the conclusion of the official public health emergency on May 11, 2023).
- (c) For the provision of government services (including public sector capacity building investments), to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
- (d) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, broadband infrastructure, and some limited surface transportation projects.



The FY2024 Budget makes the largest allocation in the Negative Economic Impacts category, followed by Revenue Replacement.

## REVENUE REPLACEMENT

The “revenue replacement” category allows for the least restricted uses of ARPA SFRF monies. The U.S. Treasury outlined methodologies for states to calculate lost revenues, as measured by comparing actual revenues against what would have otherwise been expected to be collected (counterfactual revenue) if not for the pandemic and the subsequent economic downturn.

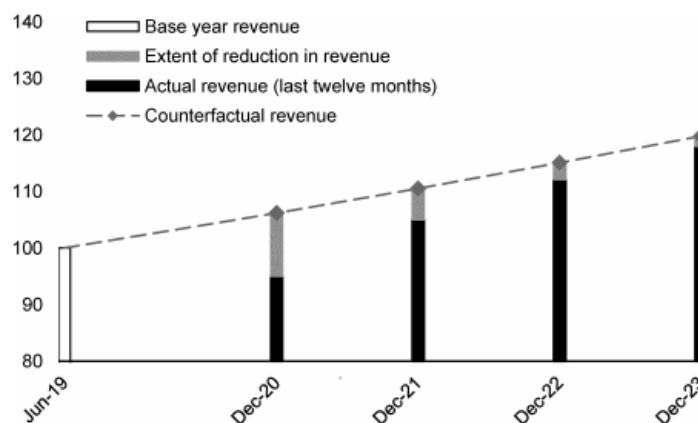
The RI Office of Management and Budget (OMB) calculated the state’s calendar year 2020 revenue loss using a cash basis. The Treasury guidance allows the calculation to include state general fund revenues, and certain quasi-public revenues. OMB used FY2019 as the base year to calculate forward.

Treasury allows for an assumed 5.2 percent annual baseline growth, or a state’s actual revenue growth rates between FY2017 and FY2019. Rhode Island’s actual growth was lower than the Treasury baseline, so OMB used the 5.2 percent to calculate what the state should have collected in CY2020 versus what was actually collected.

Base Year (FY2019) Revenue	\$5,478,193,728
Growth Assumption	5.20%
Counterfactual Revenue (5.2% annual growth from 6/30/19 to 12/21/20)	\$5,911,000,500
Actual Revenue 12/31/20	\$5,397,353,602
<b>Estimated revenue loss due to pandemic in 2020</b>	<b>\$513,646,898</b>

Treasury guidance indicates that states may calculate revenue loss at four points in time: As of December 31, 2020; December 31, 2021; December 31, 2022; and, December 31, 2023. The \$513.6 million calculation is as of December 31, 2020, so additional revenue loss is possible in future years. Of note, if actual revenues exceed counterfactual revenues in future years, there is no claw-back provision. So, the state could see enhanced allowable revenue loss use of SFRF, but it will not be reduced below the \$513.6 million baseline already established regardless of revenue collection strength in the future.

The overall methodology for calculating the reduction in revenue is illustrated in the figure below:



Source: RI State Budget Office

## PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

A key component of the ARPA SFRF monies is that states must be able to identify the problems that the funding is being used to address, and then must regularly report progress in meeting defined benchmarks

for success. The Office of Management and Budget and the Pandemic Recovery Office issued a project evaluation matrix for state agencies when proposing funding.

When evaluating the effectiveness of SFRF projects, legislators will need to review whether projects define deliverables that meet federal program effectiveness requirements. According to the Pandemic Recovery Office failure to accurately define and measure success could lead to federal funds recoupment.

**Key Performance Indicators (KPI):**

According to the PRO, a key element of SFRF is the requirement that the use of funds be aligned with performance measurement strategies that demonstrate whether a project achieves its intended outcomes. The U.S. Treasury requires that all projects financed with SFRF “must include key performance indicators. The lead state agency for each of the projects has worked with the PRO to

develop key performance indicators to measure success in accordance with the goal of the administration and U.S. Treasury. Agencies report project performance to the PRO each month.

**PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE PROJECT STATUS EVALUATIONS**

The FY2024 Budget as Enacted required the Pandemic Recovery Office (PRO) to submit quarterly status reports on SFRF projects. Section 18 of Article 1 requires these reports to “identify programs that are at risk of underspending or noncompliance with federal or state requirements. The report, at a minimum must include an assessment of how programs that are at risk can be remedied.”

The PRO issued their first status report in October 2023. The report outlines the evaluation methodology used by the PRO.

“Every SFRF project approved by PRO has a planned expenditure schedule created by the State agency implementing it. To assist in identifying projects potentially at risk of significant underspending, PRO measured each SFRF project’s actual expenditures through the first quarter [ed. Now third quarter] of FY 2024 against its planned expenditure through the same period. PRO identified projects with actual expenditures that were less than 25.0percent of planned expenditures through the first quarter of FY 2024 and contacted the relevant State agency to explain why spending is significantly behind expectations and how spending will accelerate so that all funds are obligated by U.S. Treasury’s deadline of December 31, 2024, and spent by U.S. Treasury’s deadline of December 31, 2026.”

American Rescue Plan Act Funding Project/Use Evaluation Matrix

	Eligibility	Administration / Tracking	Effectiveness
The Problem to be Addressed	Not every problem can be addressed with ARPA funds.  To be eligible for consideration, a project or use must: 1. Respond to a problem caused by COVID*, 2. Or be related to water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.	Can the problem be measured?  Is there a “before COVID” baseline?  Can data be gathered to demonstrate a “post project” improvement?	Do we know how the problem arose?  Was the problem caused by one simple factor or by the interaction of many complicated factors?
The Solution to be Applied	The purpose of ARPA is to keep people from getting sick and to build a solid base for enduring economic recovery.  The Act clearly prefers some solutions over others.  Is the proposed solution one that is statutorily preferred, or does it need to be justified?  Will the solution contribute to investment in productive capacity?	How will the implementation of the solution/project be documented? (This is the who, what, where, when, and how of the project).  How will the success or failure of the implementation process be monitored, evaluated and reported?  How will mid-course corrections be documented and made if experience demonstrates the need for changes in administration?	Is this solution the best of all possible alternatives? Why? And how do we know?  How will the substantive success of the project be determined?  How will outcomes be documented and reported?
The People and Businesses to be Helped	Some communities and some groups of people were harmed by COVID more than others. The Act is designed to help those who need help the most.**	Can the participants be adequately communicated with?  Will it be expensive, easy or difficult to monitor program or project participation?  How many need to be engaged and how often?	How will questions of equity be handled?  Will the project or use be subject to attack because it is perceived of as unfair, inappropriate or unnecessary?

\* For the sake of brevity, this summary statement must suffice. The details are covered elsewhere.  
\*\* Even beyond the disproportionately impacted classes specifically addressed, the Act’s design avoids capital infusions into large institutions and financial markets; it emphasizes assistance to households and small businesses. The Act was designed to stimulate investment in productive assets and sectors rather than fleeting consumption or acquisition of passive assets.

The PRO then determined which projects to include in this report, breaking projects into two categories, Level I Monitored Projects and Level II Monitored Projects.

**Level I Monitored Project** is an SFRF-funded project that is “at risk of significant underspending.” For each Level I Monitored Project included, PRO stated why it was identified as being at risk of significant underspending and/or noncompliance with federal or state requirements and includes the remedy proposed by the State agency to address this finding. A project that has yet to spend 25.0 percent of its planned expenditures is considered a Level I risk. There are currently 6 initiatives identified as a Level I Risk.

**Level II Monitored Project** is a project that PRO is monitoring for potential significant underspending in the future. A project that has spent 25.0 percent its planned expenditures but has yet to reach 50.0 percent is considered a Level II Risk. There is only one initiative identified as a Level II Risk.

**Projects Unable to Proceed** are initiatives that due to various factors will not meet spending or other statutory requirements and whose funding will be made available to other initiatives identified by the Governor and General Assembly. There are five projects that cannot move forward at this time.

Project/Program	Agency	Total Approps.	FY2024				FY025
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Development of Affordable Housing Phase II	Housing/RIH	\$75.0	-	-	I	-	
Homelessness Infrastructure Phase II	Housing/OHCD	30.0	-	I	-	-	
Community Revitalization	Housing/RIH	20.0	-	-	I	-	II
Workforce and Middle-Income Housing	Housing/RIH	20.0	-	-	I	-	-
Homelessness Assistance Phase II	Housing/OHCD	13.0	-	II	-	-	-
Public Housing Pilot	Housing/RIH	10.0	-	-	I	-	-
Home Repair Program	Housing/RIH	4.5	-	-	I	I	I
Municipal Homelessness Support	Housing	2.5	-	II	I	I	-
State Housing Plan	Housing	2.0	I	I	I	I	I
Proactive Housing Development	Housing	1.4	-	-	-	I	-
Municipal Planning: Municipal Fellows	Housing	1.3	-	-	-	I	I
Municipal Planning: Municipal Technical Assistance	Housing	1.0	-	-	-	I	I
Small Business Technical Assistance	EOC	10.5	I	I	-	-	-
Minority Business Accelerator	EOC	5.2	I	I	I	-	-
Small Business Energy Efficiency	EOC	0.6	-	-	I	-	-
Ongoing COVID-19 Response	DOA	41.8	I	I	X	X	X
COVID-19 Operational Support: Epidemiology	DOH	10.9	I	II	-	-	-
COVID-19 Operational Support: Testing	DOH	8.9	I	I	-	-	-
Auto-Enrollment Program HSRI	DOA/HSRI	2.6	I	II	-	-	-
Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics	EOHHS	30.0	II	-	-	-	
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility	DCYF	11.0	-	-	II	II	I
Butler Hospital Short Term Stay Unit	EOHHS	8.0	I	II	-	-	-
9-8-8 Hotline	BHDDH	3.5	I	II	-	-	-
Crisis Intervention Trainings	BHDDH	2.2	-	II	-	-	-
PFAS Water Treatment	OPC	20.0	II	II	I	X	X
Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence	DPS	10.5	I	I	I	I	I
Adult Education Providers	RIDE	5.0	I	I	II	-	-
Child Care Enhanced TEACH Program	DHS	2.0	II	-	II	-	-
Lead Remediation in Foster Homes	DCYF	1.0	II	I	X	X	X
Workforce Registry	DHS	1.0	I	I	-	-	
Fire Safety Upgrades in Foster Homes	DCYF	0.9	I	I	X	X	X
South Quay Marine Terminal	EOC	35.0	I	II	X	X	X

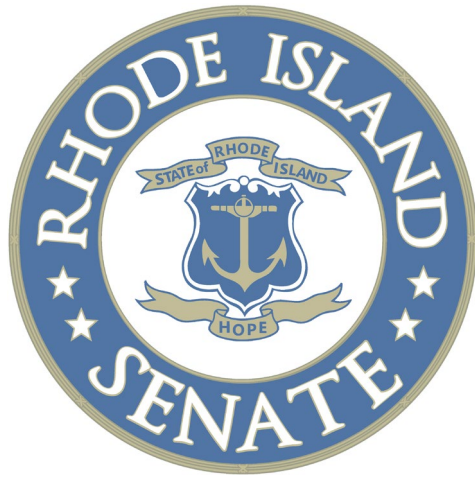
-	Not Considered at Risk
I	Level 1 Risk
II	Level 2 Risk
X	Projects Unable to Proceed

It should be noted that if a project has actual expenditures less than the percentage thresholds of the risk levels just described and has not been assigned a risk level by the PRO, it is because the planned timetable has spending taking place in future quarters.

Beginning in FY2024 Q4, the PRO altered its risk labels by no longer making a distinction between those projects with less than 25.0 percent spending and those with less than 50.0 percent. The PRO now considers any project failing to meet at least 50.0 percent of planned expenditures to be “at risk”. For purposes of this report; however, the Senate Fiscal Office has retained the distinction and labeled projects accordingly using the previous PRO criteria.

**Project Closeout Reporting:** Once an SFRF-funded project has ended, all planned expenditures have occurred, and the lead agency has submitted its final financial and performance reports to the PRO, the latter prepares and issues a closeout report. This report summarizes the project and the issues it was supposed to address. The report also presents a financial overview of the expenditures and the final results of the key performance indicators. Through September 30, 2024, the PRO has issued the following 17 closeout reports:

Project	Completion Date	Report Date	Total Appropriation	Final Expenditure		Change
				Total	Total	
Pediatric Provider Relief and Recovery	3/29/2023	5/4/2023	\$15,000,000	\$14,999,871		(\$129)
Statewide Broadband Planning and Mapping	4/30/2023	6/23/2023	500,000	500,000		-
Aid to the Convention Center	7/28/2023	9/15/2023	10,000,000	10,000,000		-
Hospitality, Tourism, and Events (HTE) Marketing	9/12/2023	11/22/2023	2,000,000	2,000,000		(0)
Healthcare Facilities: For Profit Hospital Assistance	9/30/2023	1/2/2024	4,515,113	4,515,113		-
Healthcare Facilities: Nonprofit Hospital Assistance	9/30/2023	1/2/2024	40,484,887	40,484,887		-
Healthcare Facilities: Nursing Facilities Assistance	11/15/2023	1/2/2024	30,000,000	30,000,000		-
Hospitality, Tourism, and Events Direct Grants	11/15/2023	1/2/2024	8,000,000	7,999,999		(1)
Minority Business Accelerator: Rhode Island Black Business Association Grant	12/31/2023	3/6/2024	500,000	500,000		-
R-Line Free Service Pilot	1/2/2024	3/6/2024	3,250,000	3,250,000		-
Healthcare Facilities: Health Center Assistance	2/9/2024	3/6/2024	2,500,000	2,500,000		-
Pediatric Provider Relief and Recovery Phase II	4/18/2024	5/22/2024	7,500,000	7,499,871		(129)
Early Intervention Provider Relief and Recovery	3/31/2024	6/25/2024	11,000,000	11,000,000		-
Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund	3/31/2024	7/23/2024	100,000,000	100,000,000		-
Minority Business Accelerator: Roger Williams University Start-up Clinic	6/30/2024	8/7/2024	300,000	300,000		-
Down Payment Assistance	7/8/2024	9/4/2024	30,000,000	30,000,000		-
Small Business Direct Grants	7/24/2024	7/29/2024	12,500,000	12,172,964		(327,036)
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$278,050,000</b>	<b>\$277,722,705</b>		<b>(\$327,295)</b>



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**PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

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## SFRF Projects and Programs

The General Assembly began appropriating Rhode Island's allocation of State Fiscal Recovery Funds under the federal American Rescue Plan Act in FY2022, with subsequent appropriation occurring in between FY2023 through FY2025. These appropriations total \$1,131.1 million in SFRF resources supporting 96 distinct PRO-designated subprojects across nine categories ranging from affordable housing to children and families to aid to small businesses. According to the Pandemic Recovery Office, overall there have been 102 projects approved for compliance with U.S. Treasury guidelines. Over time, six of these have been designated as unable to proceed, with their funds being reallocated to other initiatives.

The following section provides project descriptions, appropriation and spending data, and implementation updates. Tables include various additional data on the project, including U.S. Treasury eligibility category, PRO risk level, and expenditures<sup>1</sup>. The fiscal data includes total appropriations, the total amounts that have been transferred from the PRO to the administering agency, expenditures and remaining appropriations and unspent transfers.

Category	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total Appropriations
Housing	\$20.8	\$46.3	\$247.8	\$17.3	\$332.2
Aid to Small Business and Impacted Industry	26.6	127.7	9.0	2.0	165.3
Children, Families, and Education	29.5	48.5	45.3	14.3	137.6
Public Health	-	78.5	40.2	10.8	129.5
Climate	-	8.5	84.8	-	93.3
Economic and Workforce Development	-	45.0	24.6	20.4	90.0
Public Infrastructure and Technology	0.3	0.2	31.0	42.0	73.5
Behavioral Health	-	8.3	49.1	1.9	59.3
Operational Shortfall	-	-	20.0	15.0	35.0
Administration	6.1	3.8	4.1	1.3	15.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$83.3</b>	<b>\$366.8</b>	<b>\$555.9</b>	<b>\$125.0</b>	<b>\$1,131.1</b>

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

### HOUSING

There are 16 statutorily authorized project categories related to affordable housing and homelessness, totaling \$332.2 million in SFRF. There are four PRO-designated subprojects have been identified by the PRO as being at risk of underspending.

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Treasury categories are denoted in tables as follows: Revenue Replacement (RR), Negative Economic Impacts (NEI), Public Health (PH), and Infrastructure (Infrastructure). PRO Risk Levels include I, II, or N/A. The latter indicates that the projects is not at risk.

Project/Program	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Final	FY2025 Enacted	Total Appropriation
Development of Affordable Housing	\$14.7	\$0.0	\$85.3	-	\$100.0
Homelessness Infrastructure	-	3.7	41.3	-	\$45.0
Targeted Housing Development	-	-	26.0	-	\$26.0
Down Payment Assistance	-	10.0	20.0	-	\$30.0
Site Acquisition	6.0	9.0	10.0	-	\$25.0
Home Repair and Community Revitalization	-	-	24.5	-	\$24.5
Homelessness Assistance Program	-	5.6	15.9	17.3	\$38.8
Workforce and Middle-Income Housing	-	-	20.0	-	\$20.0
Affordable Housing Predevelopment Program	-	2.5	7.5	-	\$10.0
Housing Related Infrastructure	-	-	3.0	-	\$3.0
Municipal Homeless Support	-	-	2.2	-	\$2.2
Municipal Planning	-	-	2.3	-	\$2.3
Statewide Housing Plan	-	-	2.0	-	\$2.0
Predevelopment and Capacity Building	0.1	0.5	0.9	-	\$1.5
Proactive Housing Development	-	-	1.4	-	\$1.4
Preservation of Affordable Housing Units	-	-	0.5	-	\$0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20.8</b>	<b>\$31.3</b>	<b>\$262.8</b>	<b>\$17.3</b>	<b>\$332.2</b>

**Development of Affordable Housing**

SFRF-supported “Development of Affordable Housing” initiatives are administered by the Department of Housing in partnership with RIHousing and provide an enhanced gap-financing subsidy for affordable housing developments. The funds may be used in combination with or as a match to various housing programs including the state bond-supported Building Homes RI, Rhode Island’s Housing Production Fund, and U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD)’s Low-Income Housing Tax Credit programs. The program’s authorizing legislation also requires RIHousing to use \$10.0 million of the SFRF appropriations to develop and support a pilot program that supports low income public housing through project-based rental assistance vouchers and financing for pre-development, improvement, and housing production costs.

An initial SFRF appropriation of \$15.0 million occurred in January 2022, and is identified in the PRO reports and the table below as “Development of Affordable Housing”. Subsequent appropriations in FY2023 and FY2024 amounting to \$75.0 million are officially tracked as “Development of Affordable Housing Phase II” to distinguish progress from the earlier tranche. Total appropriations are \$100.0 million, with \$90.0 million for development and \$10.0 million for the pilot.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Development of Affordable Housing	Housing/RIH	NEI	N/A	\$15.0	\$14.9	\$11.7	\$0.1	\$3.2
Development of Affordable Housing Phase II	Housing/RIH	NEI	N/A	75.0	40.0	15.8	35.0	24.2
Public Housing Pilot Program	Housing/RIH	NEI	N/A	10.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	3.0
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$100.0</b>	<b>\$59.9</b>	<b>\$29.5</b>	<b>\$40.1</b>	<b>\$30.4</b>

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

**Status**

- **Development of Affordable Housing Phase I & II:** Three rounds of funding have been conducted for awards under this program, with one further Consolidated Funding Round closing on December 16, 2024 to allocate the remaining \$300,000 in funds. To date, five developments with 235 affordable units have been completed and another sixteen developments with 849 affordable units (882 units total) are in construction. Over 76.0 percent of units that received funding prior to May 2024 are either in construction or already completed, with all projects anticipated to close by the third quarter of FY2025. Awards made in the third round of funding are anticipated to close by the end of FY2025.
- **Public Housing Pilot Program:** This portion of the program provides grants to Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) for technical assistance and capacity building, predevelopment services, and redevelopment and/or repositioning for existing units in PHAs. Grants for technical assistance and predevelopment began funding awards on a rolling basis during the second quarter of FY2024. To date, seven PHAs have been awarded technical assistance and predevelopment awards totaling \$1.6 million, \$1.3 million of which have already closed. An RFP for development grants was also conducted, resulting in three awards totaling \$8.6 million, of which two awards totaling \$1.4 million have closed. Both the technical assistance/predevelopment and development grants are anticipated to be fully closed by the third quarter of FY2025. The remaining balance of the project funds are intended to be spent on administrative costs and a feasibility study on the public developer model for affordable housing.

**Homelessness Infrastructure**

SFRF-supported “Homelessness Infrastructure” initiatives, administered by the Department of Housing, are intended to reduce and mitigate the effects of homelessness. Program funding is used to acquire or construct, both temporary and permanent shelter space, to support homelessness prevention and stabilization programs, and other housing solutions. Additionally, the authorizing legislation requires a portion of SFRF funding be provided to Crossroads Rhode Island for sponsored housing development-based and/or housing-based solutions, wrap-around services, and administrative costs of implementation.

An initial SFRF appropriation of \$15.0 million occurred in FY2023, with \$10.0 million statutorily designated for Crossroads Rhode Island and \$5.0 million identified in the PRO reports and the table below as “Homelessness Infrastructure”. Subsequent revised appropriations in FY2023 and FY2024 amounting to \$30.0 million are officially tracked as “Homelessness Infrastructure Phase II” to distinguish progress from the earlier tranche. Total appropriations are \$45.0 million, with \$35.0 million for general homelessness infrastructure and \$10.0 million for Crossroads Rhode Island.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Homelessness Infrastructure	Housing/OHCD	NEI	N/A	\$5.0	\$4.9	\$4.9	\$0.1	\$0.0
Homelessness Infrastructure Phase II	Housing/OHCD	NEI	N/A	30.0	20.1	20.1	9.9	0.0
Permanent Supportive Housing: Crossroads	Housing/OHCD	NEI	N/A	10.0	10.0	10.0	-	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$45.0</b>	<b>\$35.0</b>	<b>\$35.0</b>	<b>\$10.0</b>	<b>-</b>

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

**Status:**

- **Homelessness Infrastructure Phase I & II:** Projects have been selected and contracted for the FY2023 and FY2024 funds, with \$24.9 million spent as of September 30, 2024. \$6.6 million was committed to the acquisition of the former Charlesgate Nursing Home, which closed on September 27, 2024, obligating those funds. Additional FY2025 awards are in the process of being finalized, and the Department anticipates fully committing all funds in FY2025.

- Permanent Supportive Housing: Crossroads:** Construction is underway for a new Crossroads Rhode Island facility which will contain 176 one-bedroom units with private bathrooms and kitchens. The project, called the Summer Street project, will result in a facility to replace The Tower, a 176-unit building with single occupancy rooms and shared bathrooms and kitchens for each floor. The groundbreaking for the project took place in August 2023 and project completion is anticipated in 2025. As of September 30, 2024, all funds for this project have been expended.

**Homelessness Assistance Programs**

SFRF-supported “Homelessness Assistance Programs” consists of several initiatives that expand housing navigation, behavioral health, and stabilization services to address homelessness; support operating subsidies for extremely low-income housing units; and support services for people transitioning from homelessness to housing, including individuals transitioning out of the adult correctional institutions.

An initial SFRF appropriation of \$1.5 million occurred in January 2022, and is identified in the PRO reports and the table below as “Homelessness Assistance”. Subsequent appropriations for the program of \$7.0 million and \$20.0 million were made in FY2023 and FY2024, respectively. An additional \$17.3 million appropriation of unspent funds from other housing projects was included in the FY2025 Budget as Enacted and is not yet reflected in PRO reporting as seen below.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Homelessness Assistance	Housing/OHCD	NEI	N/A	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$0.0	\$0.0
Homelessness Assistance Phase II	Housing/OHCD	NEI	N/A	13.0	8.4	8.4	4.6	0.0
Homelessness Assistance Warming Center and Shelter	Housing/OHCD	NEI	N/A	7.0	6.6	6.6	0.4	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$21.5</b>	<b>\$16.5</b>	<b>\$16.5</b>	<b>\$5.0</b>	<b>-</b>

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

**Status:** This program includes funds from FY2022, FY2023, and FY2024. All funds have been fully committed, with the remaining unexpended funds in the process of being contracted. Funds are anticipated to be fully obligated by the third quarter of FY2025. The program helped increase statewide shelter capacity by 30.0 percent in the 2023/24 winter.

**Down Payment Assistance**

The Down Payment Assistance program provides financial resources to eligible first-time home buyers to help lower down payment costs and promote homeownership. The initial iterations of the program limited the assistance to \$17,500. Out of concern that this limit could restrict the program’s responsiveness to the housing market, the General Assembly increased the limit to \$20,000 in the FY2023 Supplemental Budget. RIHousing has since indicated that \$17,500 has proven to be an effective level for the program.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Down Payment Assistance	Housing/RIH	RR	N/A	\$30.0	\$30.0	\$30.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

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

**Status:** As of the end of the fourth quarter, the program has funded 1,672 grants. The program had previously awarded all funds and was closed to new applicants; however, a slightly higher than anticipated

attrition rate resulted in a \$2.7 million available balance in February 2024. RIHousing briefly reopened the program to new applicants through March 5, 2024, and final applications were accepted and funded through June 2024. Funds for this program have now been fully expended and a [closeout report](#) was issued by the Pandemic Recovery Office on September 4, 2024. The key performance indicators of the project are:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Number of grant contracts signed	0.0	1670.0	1672.0
Number of mortgage loans closed	0.0	1670.0	1672.0
Percentage of minority borrowers served of the total population served	0.0%	55.0%	41.0%

\$ in millions

### Targeted Housing Development

SFRF-supported “Targeted Housing Development” initiatives are administered by the Department of Housing and are intended to develop housing in targeted areas and/or priority projects. A Priority Projects Fund supports the development of permanent supportive housing, housing dedicated to vulnerable Rhode Islanders, individuals transitioning out of state care, and extremely low-income individuals. A portion of the SFRF appropriation is reserved for the development of transit-oriented housing.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Targeted Housing Development: Priority Projects Fund	Housing	NEI	N/A	\$22.0	-	-	\$22.0	-
Targeted Housing Development: Transit-Oriented Housing	Housing	NEI	N/A	4.0	-	-	4.0	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$26.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$26.0</b>	<b>-</b>

### Status:

- Targeted Housing Development Priority Projects Fund:** This portion of the program is intended to provide funding for the development of new supportive housing and multifamily units for housing that is difficult to build with traditional financing tools, with a particular focus on housing for older adults, veterans, individuals transitioning out of state care, and individuals with disabilities. Funding for this program was included in the Consolidated Housing Fund RFP through RIHousing in November 2023. 23 applications requesting approximately \$73.0 million were received, of which eight developments were selected for funding. Developments receiving awards are expected to begin construction no later than nine months after being awarded, with all projects anticipated to close during FY2025. RIHousing intends to be in close contact with developers who receive awards, and projects which do not meet contractual deadlines may have their funding reobligated to other projects which can more quickly expend the funds in order to stay on track for the federal deadlines. The project was originally allocated \$27.0 million in SFRF funding, but \$5.0 million was reallocated in the FY2025 Budget as Enacted following the identification of alternative funding.
- Targeted Housing Development Transit-Oriented Housing:** This portion of the program is intended to provide funding for the development of housing in areas designated by municipalities as Transit-Oriented due to their proximity to public transit. All projects must have at least 10 percent of units designated for households earning at or below 80 percent of average median income (AMI), with priority given to projects with a higher percentage of units at or below AMI. Funding for this program was included in the Consolidated Housing Fund RFP through RIHousing in November 2023. Seven applications were received requesting a total of \$10.9 million in funding. One development was awarded funds under the program, fully committing the available funds. The selected project is expected to close during FY2025. RIHousing intends to be in close contact with the developer in order to ensure that it meets contractual deadlines. In the event that it is unable to meet these deadlines, the funding may be reobligated to other projects which can more quickly expend the funds in order to stay on track for the federal deadline.

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Number of grant contracts signed	0.0	1670.0	1672.0
Number of mortgage loans closed	0.0	1670.0	1672.0
Percentage of minority borrowers served of the total population served	0.0%	55.0%	41.0%

\$ in millions

### Site Acquisition

The Site Acquisition program supports the purchasing of properties for redevelopment as affordable and supportive housing. Projects funded through this program are required to have deed restrictions of not less than thirty (30) years, and associated financing debt in which the only recourse a lender may have in the event of a default is to seize the property.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Site Acquisition Program	Housing/RIH	NEI	N/A	\$25.0	\$25.0	\$24.3	\$0.0	\$0.7

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

**Status:** 42 projects have been awarded funding on a rolling basis through this program to date. 40 of these projects have closed and secured sites for development as affordable housing with all remaining projects anticipated to close by the end of the second quarter of FY2025. RIHousing anticipates that all expenditures for this project will be completed in FY2025.

### Home Repair and Community Revitalization

The SFRF-supported “Home Repair and Community Revitalization” initiatives consist of two components. The first expands RIHousing’s existing acquisition and revitalization program, which finances the acquisition and redevelopment of blighted properties to increase the number of commercial and community spaces in disproportionately impacted communities and/or to increase the development of affordable housing. Residential developments through this program will serve households earning no more than 80.0 percent of area median income, while commercial and community spaces must meet the needs of residents of a census tract where at least 51.0 percent of the residents are low-and-moderate-income persons. The second component supports critical home repairs within the same communities.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Community Revitalization	Housing/RIH	NEI	II	\$20.0	\$7.0	\$6.5	\$13.0	\$0.5
Home Repair Program	Housing/RIH	NEI	I	4.5	-	-	4.5	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$24.5</b>	<b>\$7.0</b>	<b>\$6.5</b>	<b>\$17.5</b>	<b>\$0.5</b>

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

### Status:

- Community Revitalization:** The program has conducted two rounds of funding, with all awards made and one project under construction. The Department notes that several of the awardees have returned for additional financing due to increases in construction and related costs. Projects from the first round of funding are estimated to be either in construction or moving towards closing by the second quarter of FY2025, with the remaining projects anticipated to close by the end of FY2025. Currently, the project is designated as an “at risk” project by the PRO due to lower than planned expenditures. To date the project has reached 48.0 percent of planned expenditures, the equivalent of a Level II risk according to the PRO’s previous risk level monitoring system.
- Home Repair Program:** An RFP was designed and approved and the Providence Revolving Fund was selected and contracted in March 2024 to administer the program, with the program officially rolling out in summer 2024. As of September 2024, five rehabilitation loans have closed with an additional

number in processing. The program is anticipated to run for 18 months, through calendar year 2025. Currently, the project is designated as an “at risk” project by the PRO due to lower than planned expenditures. To date the project has reached 0.0 percent of planned expenditures, the equivalent of a Level I risk according to the PRO’s previous risk level monitoring system.

### **Workforce and Middle-Income Housing**

The Workforce and Middle-Income Housing program supports efforts to increase the housing supply located near places of employment for families earning up to 120.0 percent of area median income. Housing supply for this program includes both rental housing and home ownership.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Workforce and Middle-Income Housing	Housing/RIH	RR	N/A	\$20.0	\$3.7	\$2.1	\$16.3	\$1.6

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**Status:** The program has conducted two rounds of funding, with \$18.1 million committed and \$1.9 million expended to date. \$1.4 million in funding remains and is included in the Consolidated RFP for Development of Affordable Homes which closed on December 16, 2024. Projects funded before May 2024 are either in construction or moving towards closing by the end of the second quarter of FY2025, and the second round of awards are anticipated to close by the end of FY2025. The Department notes that several of the awarded projects have returned for more financing given increases in construction and related costs.

### **Affordable Housing Predevelopment Program**

The Affordable Housing Predevelopment program supports activity and work that is necessary before affordable housing development can take place, including vetting project viability, environmental testing, architectural design, etc. This predevelopment support helps to establish a pipeline of new projects and to build the capacity of affordable housing developers in the state.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Affordable Housing Predevelopment	Housing/RIH	RR	N/A	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$9.3	\$0.0	\$0.7

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

**Status:** As of the end of the fourth quarter, RIHousing has approved and closed 40 awards. There is a remaining balance of \$600,000 available through a Request for Proposals issued in August 2024. It is anticipated that these funds will be awarded and expended by the end of FY2025. The awards provide rapid funding for developers to fund development projects on an accelerated track by supporting critical predevelopment tasks. Funding is awarded on a rolling basis.

### **Housing Related Infrastructure**

The Housing Related Infrastructure program supports activity that increases the physical infrastructure necessary to produce additional housing. Program funds are allocated to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank and must be used for pre-development and development of site-related infrastructure that supports housing that meets affordable housing pricing and/or income and other criteria established by the Department of Housing.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Housing Related Infrastructure	Housing/RIIB	RR	N/A	\$3.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$3.0	\$0.0

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

**Status:** The Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (RIIB) issued an RFP on January 17, 2024, to formally establish the program. The RFP closed on February 20, 2024, and awards were issued to five communities in a June 2024 board meeting. Of the five grants, three agreements have been executed with the remaining two expected to be executed by mid-December. Following lower than expected demand, the program returned \$1.3 million to be reallocated to other projects per a Governor’s Budget Amendment.

*Analyst Note: The above update captures the project status through November 27, 2024. As of the date of publication, the final two grants have since been executed.*

### **Municipal Planning**

SFRF-supported Municipal Planning initiatives provide technical and expert support to municipalities around affordable housing planning and implementation. A municipal fellows program is envisioned that would embed trained housing experts within communities. A separate grant program would make traditional technical assistance resources available to cities and towns, increasing their capacity to evaluate and implement innovative zoning changes in support of viable affordable housing.

<b>Project/Program</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Treasury Category</b>	<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Total Approps.</b>	<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>Remaining Approps.</b>	<b>Unexpended Transfers</b>
Municipal Planning: Municipality Fellows	Housing	RR	I	\$1.3	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1.3	\$0.0
Municipal Planning: Municipality Technical Assistance	Housing	RR	I	1.0	-	-	1.0	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$2.3</b>	<b>-</b>

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

### **Status:**

- **Municipal Planning: Municipality Fellows:** As of the end of the fourth quarter, the application window for municipalities has closed. Ten municipalities applied for the program and eight municipalities received conditional awards. Of the eight communities, four have signed grant agreements and the remaining four have agreements currently under review. An RFP for the selection of a program manager was issued and closed on January 18, 2024, and a program manager was hired in summer 2024. The program manager is currently conducting first-round interviews for potential fellows, with second-round interviews set to begin in collaboration with the selected municipalities and the Department of housing. Fellows are expected to be selected before the end of 2024, with the majority of placements beginning in early 2025. This is slightly behind the earlier target of placements beginning in fall of 2024, but the grants are still expected to conclude before the deadline in 2026. Currently, the project is designated as an “at risk” project by the PRO due to lower than planned expenditures. To date the project has reached 0.0 percent of planned expenditures, the equivalent of a Level I risk according to the PRO’s previous risk level monitoring system.
- **Municipal Planning: Municipality Technical Assistance:** The program was originally designed and approved with a grant RFP to be issued in early summer 2024, however it was since redesigned for enhanced efficiency following engagement with municipalities and other local stakeholders. A joint RFP with RIHousing is currently under review, with an expected issuance in December 2024. The joint RFP will create a roster of pre-approved consultants, with a grant RFP to follow in the next two months. Awards are expected to be made in February and March of 2025 and expenditures are anticipated to be complete as early as winter of 2026 due to the nature of the projects. Currently, the project is designated as an “at risk” project by the PRO due to lower than planned expenditures. To date the project has reached 0.0 percent of planned expenditures, the equivalent of a Level I risk according to the PRO’s previous risk level monitoring system.



**Municipal Homelessness Support**

The Municipal Homelessness Support program provides grants for community services that help emergency shelters improve outcomes in local communities. Services supported by this program include homeless outreach, day programs, ambulance response, and subsidizing municipal services delivered in support of shelters.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Municipal Homelessness Support	Housing	RR	N/A	\$2.2	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$1.6	\$0.0

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

**Status:** Funding for this program has been divided into three sub-programs of awards categories: formula grants, competitive grants, and emergency winter hub grants. Applications for the first round of funding through this program opened on October 31, 2023, and closed on March 1, 2024. The program awarded the following grants:

**Municipal Homeless Supports Grants**

Woonsocket Emergency Winter Hub	\$	119,316
Newport Emergency Winter Hub	\$	119,124
West Warwick Emergency Winter Hub	\$	119,317
Warwick Formula Grant	\$	240,000
Woonsocket Formula Grant	\$	40,000
Providence Formula Grant	\$	364,000
Burillville Formula Grant	\$	74,000
Smithfield Competitive Grant	\$	150,000
Pawtucket Competitive Grant	\$	100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,325,757</b>

A second round of funding closed on October 31, 2024, to provide additional municipal shelter and winter emergency hub support for the 2024/25 winter. Those applications are currently under review with funds expected to be fully obligated in early 2025.

**Statewide Housing Plan**

The General Assembly appropriated SFRF funds in 2022 to support the development of a statewide comprehensive housing plan that would assess current and future housing needs, consider barriers to home ownership and affordability, and identify services needed for increased investments toward disproportionately impacted individuals and communities. The funding can also be used to support municipal planning efforts to identify and cultivate viable sites and housing projects.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Statewide Housing Plan	Housing	RR	II	\$2.0	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$1.8	\$0.0

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

**Status:** The Department has awarded two contracts and is in the process of finalizing a third, with two additional RFPs under review. Currently, the project is designated as an “at risk” project by the PRO due to lower than planned expenditures. To date the project has reached 29.0 percent of planned expenditures, the equivalent of a Level II risk according to the PRO’s previous risk level monitoring system. The currently planned and/or proposed components of the project include the following:

- **Statewide Housing Plan Consultant - \$524,460:** The Department has contracted with Abt Associates as a consultant for the development of state housing plans. The contract was originally approved for \$339,316, but a change order to increase the award was approved by the PRO. The Department and

Abt published the Integrated Housing Report in December 2023 and intend to publish a state housing plan in spring 2025.

- **School Cost Fiscal Impact Analysis - \$125,000:** An RFP for this component, which would develop quantitative tools to analyze the impact of housing development on school costs, closed in January 2024 and a tentative award was issued to a consultant. The contract is expected to be fully executed in December 2024.

*Analyst Note: The above update captures the project status as of November 27, 2024. At the date of publication, the contract expected to be executed in December 2024 is not yet complete, but the Department anticipates that it will be executed shortly.*

- **A/E Feasibility Studies - \$495,084:** An RFP for this component, which will contract an A/E consulting firm to investigate feasibility of converting vacant and/or underutilized properties to housing and/or shelter, was closed in January 2024 and a contract was awarded to Signal Works.
- **Visualization and Implementation Support - \$450,000:** An RFP for this subproject has posted and closed, with proposals currently under review. The project would hire a consultant to collect information on potential sites, visualize development, conduct modeling and analysis, and develop collateral for stakeholder communications to assist with communication to decision makers, stakeholders, and the general public regarding where potential housing development can occur. The consultant would be engaged for one year and the award is expected to be issued by the end of 2024.

*Analyst Note: The above update captures the project status as of November 27, 2024. At the date of publication, a tentative award letter has since been issued.*

- **Governance - \$150,000:** This project has been approved and a contracted awarded. The Faulkner Consulting Group has been awarded a contract to analyze the mission, authority, make-up, and capacity of housing-related entities in Rhode Island with the aim of determining if a revised governance structure is necessary. This work is intended to assist with the creation of the statutorily mandated governance report that the Department of Housing is required to turn in by the end of 2024.

*Analyst Note: The provided update captures the project status as of November 27, 2024. At the date of publication, the Housing Governance Report has since been submitted.*

- **Training and Capacity Building - \$250,000:** This project has been approved by the PRO, and an RFP was issued and closed, with proposals currently under review. The project would hire a consultant to develop a toolkit for local officials seeking to meet the housing needs of their respective communities. The contract is intended to last approximately one year and is expected to be awarded by the end of 2024.

*Analyst Note: The provided update captures the project status as of November 27, 2024. At the date of publication, a tentative award letter has since been issued.*

**Predevelopment and Capacity Building**

The Predevelopment and Capacity Building program supports increased contract staff at the Department of Housing to administer proposed affordable housing projects through research and data analysis, stakeholder engagement, and the expansion of services for people experiencing homelessness.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Predevelopment and Capacity Building	Housing	RR	N/A	\$1.5	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$0.2	\$0.0

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

**Status:** The Department has hired 6 contracted staff to support initiatives related to the Department’s goals to assist Rhode Islanders experiencing homelessness through program design, development, and implementation. \$1.3 million has been expended as of September 30, 2024, with contracts winding down as projects complete and funds are drawn down. The Department notes that one of these contract positions will end soon, as Deborah Goddard, who has previously worked with the Department on a contract basement, has since been nominated to fill the role of Secretary of Housing.

### **Proactive Housing Development**

The Proactive Housing Development initiative focuses on proactive development activities, including staffing, that are conducted by a new enhanced subsidiary of the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation that was initially established under Article 6 of the FY2024 Budget.

<b>Project/Program</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Treasury Category</b>	<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Total Approps.</b>	<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>Remaining Approps.</b>	<b>Unexpended Transfers</b>
Proactive Housing Development	Housing	RR	N/A	\$1.4	-	-	\$1.4	-

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

**Status:** The new subsidiary was officially established by RIHousing at their January board meeting, formally creating the entity that will draw down the appropriated funds. The position of President of the Corporation has been filled, and is working to form a team. Once staffed, the subsidiary will be able to develop a project pipeline and conduct proactive development activities. Due to the structure of the subsidiary as a subaward agreement, the funds are already considered obligated per the Treasury definition. The majority of the obligated funds are expected to be spent in FY2025.

### **Preservation of Affordable Housing Units**

The Preservation of Affordable Housing Units program supports the preservation of existing structures for affordable housing, particularly for properties at risk of foreclosure or blight.

<b>Project/Program</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Treasury Category</b>	<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Total Approps.</b>	<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>Remaining Approps.</b>	<b>Unexpended Transfers</b>
Preservation of Affordable Housing Units	Housing	RR	N/A	\$0.5	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.5	\$0.0

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

**Status:** A contract was issued for the establishment and operation of a revolving loan fund to purchase affordable homes that would otherwise go to market rate following a foreclosure, preserving the affordability of the units. As of November 2024, invoicing was completed and all funds have been expended, completing the project.

## **AID TO SMALL BUSINESS AND IMPACTED INDUSTRIES**

There are five statutorily authorized project categories related to aid to small businesses and impacted industries, totaling \$165.3 million in SFRF.

<b>Project/Program</b>	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>Total Appropriations</b>
Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Contribution	-	\$100.0	-	-	\$100.0
Aid to Small Business and Impacted Industries	26.6	15.8	1.9	2.0	46.3
Aid to the Convention Center	-	10.0	-	-	10.0
Minority Business Accelerator	-	1.0	5.0	-	6.0
Destination Marketing	-	0.9	2.1	-	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26.6</b>	<b>\$127.7</b>	<b>\$9.0</b>	<b>\$2.0</b>	<b>\$165.3</b>

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

### Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Contribution

The Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund Contribution project provides a direct payment of \$100.0 million to the Department of Labor and Training (DLT) in order to partially replenish the State's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. An increase in unemployment claims due to COVID-19 resulted in a significant reduction to the UI Trust Fund's balance. The fund balance in July of 2022 was \$264.4 million, reflecting a 50.8 percent reduction from the \$537.9 million balance in January of 2020. The low balance increased the UI tax rate schedule to Schedule H from Schedule F, resulting in a \$31.0 million estimated cost for businesses. A \$100.0 million infusion to the trust fund is projected to reduce the unemployment rate schedule from Schedule H to Schedule G.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Unemployment Trust Fund Contribution	DLT	NEI	N/A	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

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

**Status:** The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Contribution project was marked completed by the Pandemic Recovery Office on March 31, 2024 and \$100.0 million was deposited to the Unemployment Trust Fund in September of 2022. The rate schedule for CY2023 shifted from Schedule H to Schedule G, which impacted 24,565 businesses for a total tax savings of \$12.2 million. The fund balance as of December 1, 2024, is \$570.3 million. The PRO has issued its [closeout report](#) for this initiative. The following table illustrates the project's key performance indicators:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Reduction in UI tax rate schedule from H to G.*	0	1	1
Number of businesses impacted by reduction in the UI schedule in calendar year 2023.^	0	41,390	24,595
Total UI tax savings to businesses in calendar year 2023. (in millions)	0	\$10.7	\$12.2

\* This is a yes/no binary indicator with 0 representing "no" and 1 reflecting "yes".

^ Of the 41,390 businesses that paid into the UI trust fund each quarter, 24,595 benefited from the reduction in the UI schedule. The remaining 16,795 were "new employers" as defined by the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training (DLT) and paid the new employer rate, which was not affected by the reduction in the UI schedule.

### Aid to Small Business and Impacted Industries

Helping businesses negatively impacted by the pandemic is one of the primary purposes of the State Fiscal Recovery fund. A total of \$44.3 million in SFRF funding has been appropriated through several different programs targeting the various challenges faced by Rhode Island businesses. All of the Aid to Small Business and Impacted Industries initiatives are required to reserve 20.0 percent of appropriated resources for minority business enterprises. Section 1 of 2021-H6494 Substitute A authorizes the EOC to use \$1.5 million in SFRF funds to administer the following programs:

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Small Business Direct Grants	EOC	NEI	N/A	\$12.2	\$12.2	\$12.2	\$0.0	\$0.0
Small Business Technical Assistance	EOC	NEI	N/A	8.7	8.7	8.6	-	0.1
HTE Direct Grants	EOC	NEI	N/A	8.0	8.0	8.0	-	-
Public Health Capital Improvements	EOC	RR	N/A	5.9	5.9	5.9	-	-
HTE Placemaking	EOC	RR	N/A	3.0	3.0	2.7	-	0.3
HTE Placemaking Phase II	EOC	RR	N/A	2.0	-	-	2.0	-
HTE Marketing	EOC	NEI	N/A	2.0	2.0	2.0	-	-
Small Business Bridge Support	EOC	RR	N/A	2.6	-	-	2.6	-
Small Business Energy Efficiency	EOC	RR	N/A	0.4	0.4	0.4	-	-
Administrative Costs	EOC	RR	N/A	1.5	1.5	1.5	-	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$46.3</b>	<b>\$41.7</b>	<b>\$41.3</b>	<b>\$4.6</b>	<b>\$0.4</b>

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

**Status:**

- Small Business Direct Grants:** The Small Business Direct Grant (SBDG) program has provided direct financial payments to businesses to mitigate the impact of pandemic-related lost revenue. The program was first authorized in January 2022 and originally received a \$12.5 million appropriation (this has subsequently been revised to \$12.2 million). It was part of a larger \$32.0 million SFRF-funded small business assistance package. A cap of \$10,000 per business per assistance program and \$20,000 per business in aggregate was established. According to the Rhode Island Executive Office of Commerce (EOC) the actual direct grants ranged from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Eligible businesses had to demonstrate negative impact from the pandemic. Supplemental grants of \$800 were provided to businesses in the food services, personal services, and arts, entertainment, and recreation industries.

According to the EOC, the Small Business Direct Grant program has provided grants to 2,471 businesses, with 60.1 percent going to women or minority business enterprises. The program concluded July 24, 2024, with PRO issuing its [closeout report](#) for the initiative on July 29, 2024. Of the initial \$12.5 million appropriated, all but \$295,498 was expended. Direct grants amounted to \$11,987,700. Operating costs totaled \$181,612. This shortfall was anticipated prior to the submission of the Governor’s FY2025 Budget proposal. The latter, and subsequently the final enacted budget, shifted the unexpended funds to other proposals. The final key performance indicators for the project are:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Number of businesses provided a small business grant	0.0	2500.0	2471.0
Dollar distributed	\$0.0	\$12.5	\$12.0
Number of MBEs, including women-owned businesses, served	0.0	500.0	1498.0
Percentage of business in operation at least six months after receiving grant	0.0%	70.0%	65.0%
Number of businesses provided a supplemental grant award	0.0	794.0	1055.0

\$ in millions

The following table provided by the PRO shows the distribution of the grants by municipality:

Municipality	Businesses Receiving Grants	Sum of Grants
BARRINGTON	37	\$181,400
BRISTOL	51	\$254,300
BURRILLVILLE	19	\$90,600
CENTRAL FALLS	35	\$170,400
CHARLESTOWN	21	\$100,700
COVENTRY	56	\$275,400
CRANSTON	271	\$1,298,700
CUMBERLAND	54	\$273,400
EAST GREENWICH	78	\$386,000
EAST PROVIDENCE	88	\$419,100
EXETER	14	\$71,500
FOSTER	15	\$68,200
GLOCESTER	17	\$86,500
HOPKINTON	9	\$45,700
JAMESTOWN	10	\$50,700
JOHNSTON	96	\$476,500
LINCOLN	47	\$232,900
LITTLE COMPTON	9	\$47,400
MIDDLETOWN	35	\$170,400
NARRAGANSETT	37	\$187,800
NEW SHOREHAM	7	\$35,800
NEWPORT	71	\$349,200
NORTH KINGSTOWN	67	\$325,900
NORTH PROVIDENCE	82	\$399,700
NORTH SMITHFIELD	40	\$187,900
PAWTUCKET	154	\$707,000
PORTSMOUTH	30	\$151,300
PROVIDENCE	498	\$2,357,500
RICHMOND	17	\$82,300
SCITUATE	14	\$71,500
SMITHFIELD	44	\$212,000
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	55	\$275,300
TIVERTON	23	\$122,200
WARREN	40	\$196,900
WARWICK	183	\$904,500
WEST GREENWICH	7	\$33,300
WEST WARWICK	53	\$263,600
WESTERLY	46	\$233,600
WOONSOCKET	41	\$190,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>\$11,987,700</b>

- Small Business Technical Assistance:** The Small Business Technical Assistance program is authorized to provide resources to businesses for purposes of building their long-term capacity in the wake of the pandemic. Technical assistance services may include accounting and bookkeeping, legal services, and marketing, communications, and public relations. Grants are capped at \$10,000 per business. The program originally received a total of \$10.5 million in SFRF appropriations, which has subsequently been revised to \$8.7 million.

The Small Business Technical Assistance initiative finished in the fall of 2024 with the PRO yet to issue its final report. The program originally was appropriated \$10.5 million in FY2023; however, the EOC modified its expenditures based on revised demand data from businesses. The General Assembly reduced the appropriation to \$8.7 million and reallocated the balance to other programs, including a new aid initiative aimed at businesses impacted by the Washington Bridge closure.

The EOC took a very deliberate approach when it designed its SFRF-funded technical assistance program to ensure a better upfront design that would yield a more responsive service to businesses. The program ultimately consisted of two phases that are described below. The deliberate approach initially caused a delay in the expenditure of funds and led to the program being monitored by the PRO. Since the fourth quarter of FY2025, however, the program picked up pace and through September has served 2,205 businesses (1,248 Phase I, 957 Phase II).

- Phase I of the TA program assisted businesses in applying for and navigating the application processes for the Small Business Direct grant and the HTE Direct Grant (translation services, technology support, etc.)
- Phase II of the TA program provided services to eligible small businesses through approved vendors in a range of services – marketing, legal, accounting, etc. Skills for RI’s Future serves as the central vendor coordinator for this portion of the program.

Phase II has resulted in over 55,000 hours of provided services, the most popular being website development support and marketing, communications, and public relations. Matching services was a challenge. Many small businesses sought multiple services or were unsure how to prioritize different needs.

- HTE Direct Grants Program:** The Hospitality, Tourism, and Event Industry (HTE) Direct Grant Program provides direct financial payments to HTE businesses. It consists of three subprograms: restaurants and event professionals (\$12,500 grant minus any funds from SBDG); hotels, travel agents, tour operators; and arts/culture businesses. It has received \$8.0 million in appropriations and is administered similarly to the Small Business Direct Grant program.

The Hospitality, Tourism, and Event Industry (HTE) Direct Grant Program has provided grants to 163 businesses and organizations with 44.6 percent going to women or minority business enterprises. The program concluded on November 15, 2023, with PRO issuing its [closeout report](#) for the initiative on January 2, 2024. The final key performance indicators for the project are:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Dollars Disbursed (Life of Project)	\$0.0	\$7.9	\$7.9
Number of Restaurants, Events-related Organizations, and Valet Operators Assisted (Life of Project)	0	215	113
Number of Hotels, Travel Agents, and Tour Operators Assisted (Life of Project)	0	20	26
Number of Arts and Culture Organizations Assisted (Life of Project)	0	35	24
Percentage of Businesses in Operation at least Six Months After Receiving Grant (Point in Time)	0.0%	70.0%	83.0%
Number of Leisure and Hospitality Supersector Employees within Six Months of Receiving Awards (Point in Time)	53,700	54,237	57,100
Number of Businesses Provided a Supplemental Grant Award (Life of Project)	0	32	32

*\$ in millions*

- Public Health Capital Improvements Program:** The Public Health Capital Improvements program provides resources to small businesses to help them make changes to their environment and processes that protect and enhance the health of their customers and employees, including improved ventilation and energy needs. The program originally received \$7.5 million in SFRF appropriations, which has subsequently been revised down to \$5.9 million.

The Public Health Capital Improvements program has undergone several iterations since it was initially authorized. According to the EOC, as the impact of the pandemic continues to recede the types of the capital improvements businesses are prioritizing have changed. The EOC programmed \$2.0 million for ventilation improvements at businesses, with 275 current applicants and \$1.6 million in eligible reimbursements being paid. The EOC also offers the Take it Outside program, which supports the purchase of goods and services that expand small business’s outdoor operations and outdoor capacity. The goods and services can support individual small businesses or support outdoor markets or shopping & dining events. There have been 521 businesses assisted to date, 49.0 percent being women or minority business enterprises. According the EOC the program is now complete, with the PRO yet to issue its closeout report.

- HTE Placemaking Program:** The Hospitality, Tourism, and Event Industry (HTE) Placemaking program focuses on local community projects enhance a place’s attractiveness and livability. The program funds two types of projects - event programming and public space capital improvements. The program initially received \$3.0 million in FY2022, it has subsequently received an additional \$2.4 million in SFRF appropriations in FY2024 and FY2025.

According to the EOC, the 2022 version of the Hospitality, Tourism, and Event Industry (HTE) Placemaking program funded two types of projects - event programming (up to \$75,000) and public space capital improvements (up to \$150,000). The 2024 summer version of the program funded events with grants up to \$30,000. In total these versions of the initiative have supported 46 project/programs. Program funded events have been attended by over 131,000 visitors. There were 30 projects completed by December 31, 2023, leveraging 45 events across the state.

The General Assembly authorized an additional \$2.0 million for a second phases off the program in the FY2025 Budget as Enacted. According to the EOC, a new request for offer (RFO) went out in October 2024 with event programming awards up to \$75,000 and public space capital improvement awards up to \$200,000.

- HTE Marketing Program:** The Hospitality, Tourism, and Event Industry (HTE) Marketing program provided \$2.0 million to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation and the State’s regional tourism organization to fund tourism marketing as pandemic travel restrictions were lifted.

According to the EOC, the HTE Marketing program has spent its entire \$2.0 million appropriation. Funds were used to support air service marketing programs (\$1.0 million), a paid advertising campaign to target market the regional drive and fly markets via streaming and cable TV (\$250,000), and to provide direct grants to the six tourism districts to use for paid advertising, meetings and conventions advertising, and sports advertising (\$750,000). This initiative formally completed on September 12, 2023, and the PRO issued its [closeout report](#) on November 22, 2023. The following table shows the overall outcomes for the key performance indicators.

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Rental home occupancy	0.0%	43.0%	65.0%
Meals and beverage tax revenue	\$0.0	\$17.8	\$38.6
Airplane load factor	45.0%	50.0%	88.0%
Ratio of overnight visitors to daytime visitors	2.57	2.13	4.1
Daily hotel occupancy rate	0.0%	68.0%	75.0%
Meeting and covention leads generated	90	97	817

*\$ in millions*

- Small Business Bridge Support:** The Small Business Bridge Support program was established by the General Assembly in the FY2024 Final Budget to provide relief to businesses impacted by the closure of the Washington Bridge. The program received \$2.6 million in reallocated SFRF funding.

The program is closely related to the SFRF-funded Small Business Direct Grant and Technical Assistance Programs that were established to help businesses impacted by the pandemic. The programs initially received a combined \$32.0 million in appropriations. In April 2024, the Governor requested an amendment to the Budget that would direct \$1.3 million of the unexpended funds for these programs to be used to provide relief to businesses impacted by closure of the Washington Bridge. Of this amount, \$600,000 would be allocated to the City of East Providence, \$400,000 would be allocated to the City of Providence, and \$300,000 would be allocated to the Executive Office of Commerce to assist businesses in all other communities. The FY2024 Final Budget incorporates the Governor’s request and augments it by shifting \$1.3 million of SFRF funds previously allocated to other projects to the Small Business Direct Grant and Technical Assistance program, resulting in East Providence being



allocated \$1.2 million, with Providence receiving \$800,000, and Commerce receiving \$600,000, for a total of \$2.6 million.

According to the EOC, the Washington Bridge Small Business Grant Program provides financial support to Rhode Island small businesses impacted by the closure and reconstruction of the northern span of the Washington Bridge. In total, \$2.6 million has been allocated to East Providence (\$1.2 million), Providence (\$800,000), and the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (\$600,000) to provide direct grants or any such other forms of assistance as deemed appropriate to impacted small businesses. Grants will be made in amounts of \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,500, based on minimum revenue loss thresholds during the period of December 2023 – February 2024. Grant awards are being prioritized based on percentage of revenue loss until funds are fully expended. The online application portal opened on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Grant applications are currently being processed. As of November 20, 2024, 11 businesses have received \$24,000 and 36 businesses in the process of being disbursed \$108,000 through the RI Commerce application.

- **Small Business Energy Efficiency:** The RI Rebounds Energy Efficiency program was established in response to small business concerns with rising energy costs post-pandemic. The program reimburses small businesses up to \$10,000 for energy efficiency measures implemented as the result of a not cost, no obligation energy efficiency assessment or audit. The program initially received \$600,000 of SFRF funding.

According to the EOC, the RI Rebounds Energy Efficiency program launched on February 5, 2025, and is now complete, with the PRO yet to issue its final closing report. The program assisted 64 businesses, 47.0 percent of which were women or minority-owned. Total expenditures totaled \$421,868. Unexpended funds have been reallocated to the Small Business Bridge Support program.

- **Administrative Costs:** The EOC has utilized \$1.4 million of its appropriation for administration expenses, or 93.3 percent, through the end of the third quarter of FY2024.

**Aid to the Convention Center**

The State provided the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority (RICCA) with \$10.0 million of SFRF for operating support. RICCA is using these funds to tailor its operations for a post-pandemic environment to ensure the comfort and confidence of patrons.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Aid to the Convention Center	DOA/RICCA	RR	N/A	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

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

**Status:** The project concluded July 28, 2023, and the Pandemic Recovery Office issued its [closeout report](#) on September 15, 2023. The key performance indicators of the project are:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Operating funds transferred	-	\$10.0	\$10.0
Operating margin	-	\$9.5	\$14.3

*\$ in millions*

The funds were used for the following purposes:

- **Technology Upgrades - \$5.0 million:** Upgraded technology across all facilities, particularly at the RICCA, by expanding broadband capacity, improving Wi-Fi capabilities, and integrating cell service within the building. The RICCA has a contract in place and work is undergoing with Boingo to install the Wi-Fi/PNet for \$4.1 million. This expense may increase based on a couple of potential

change orders. The work is complete and items are in use. The balance of this allotment has been used to upgrade servers, employee computers and associated technology expenses.

- **AMP Seating Upgrades - \$3.2 million:** Funds were contracted to Irwin Seating to replace the seats in the north end of the Amica Mutual Pavilion (AMP), making it easier to reconfigure the space to accommodate different types of events. The project also added seating capacity in the north end (approximately 400 additional seats for basketball games, concerts, and other events and approximately 36 seats for hockey games). This work is complete and in use for the hockey and basketball seasons.
- **Signage Improvements - \$800,000:** The marquee project was performed through a contract with Poyant Signs for \$591,000. The balance of the allotment was spent prepping the marquee supports with painting and electrical upgrades to power the signs.
- **General Operating Support - \$1.0 million:** This money was absorbed as an operating subsidy in FY2023 to assist in replacing revenue lost during the pandemic.
- **Single Audit Fee - \$3,000:** This is a charge applied to all SFRF projects. The single audit fee is equal 0.03percent of the project’s appropriated amount.

### **Minority Business Accelerator**

The SFRF-funded Minority Business Accelerator initiatives support and invest resources to enhance the growth of minority business enterprises in Rhode Island. This support is a range of assistance and programming, including financial and technical assistance, entrepreneurship training, space for programming and co-working, and assistance accessing low-interest loans. RI Commerce Corporation works with minority small business associations, including the Rhode Island Black Business Association (RIBBA), to advance this program. Of the \$6.0 million in appropriated SFRF funds for the program to date, \$500,000 is proscribed for the Rhode Island Black Business Association (RIBBA) and \$300,000 is allocated to the Roger Williams University Business Start-Up Clinic (RWU).

<b>Project/Program</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Treasury Category</b>	<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Total Approps.</b>	<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>Remaining Approps.</b>	<b>Unexpended Transfers</b>
Minority Business Accelerator	EOC	NEI	N/A	\$5.2	\$2.8	\$2.1	\$2.4	\$0.7
MBA: Black Business Association	EOC	RR	N/A	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	-
MBA- RWU Start-Up Clinic	EOC	RR	N/A	0.3	0.3	0.3	-	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$6.0</b>	<b>\$3.6</b>	<b>\$2.9</b>	<b>\$2.4</b>	<b>\$0.7</b>

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

**Status:** In November 2022, PRO approved the implementation proposal for the Minority Business Accelerator program. The proposal consisted of the following components:

- **MBE Network:** \$2.5 million to support a network of intermediary organizations that serve MBEs, including costs related to acquiring/using physical space, providing entrepreneurship training and mentorship programming, and other small business supports, and \$200,000 to train business support organizations (BSOs) in the execution of the program-to ensure its effectiveness.
- **Access to Capital:** \$1.7 million to increase access to capital through a competitive grant program, with grant awards of up to \$20,000 to stimulate growth in MBEs.
- **Technical Assistance:** \$300,000 to provide technical assistance to MBEs that are not eligible for the Rhode Island Rebounds TA program.

- **RIBBA and RWU:** In January 2023, RI Commerce Corporation executed agreements with RIBBA and RWU and transferred the required allotments to them. Per the agreement, the two organizations are required to report back on key performance indicators.
  - **RIBBA:** The RIBBA program has assisted 29 businesses with MBE certification applications and assisted 16 businesses in becoming bankable.
  - **RWU:** The RWU program has provided 54 minority businesses with 97 legal services. With PRO’s approval, the project was extended to June 30, 2024, with the goal of expending all funding and providing 100 discrete legal services to minority businesses. The program is now complete and the PRO issued its [closeout report](#) on June 30, 2024. The following table shows the overall outcomes for the key performance indicators.

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Number of legal services provided to current or prospective minority-owned businesses	-	100.0	97.0
Number of businesses served in existence	-	20.0	54.0

*\$ in millions*

The Minority Business Accelerator program was first funded in FY2023, it has since been extended through to the end of FY2025. In February, 2023, an MBA program manager was hired, and significant outreach began to understand the challenges facing MBEs and receive input on how to create a meaningful program. A Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify intermediaries was issued in April, 2023 and 11 responders were selected. Negotiated budgets and agreements were completed and \$2.3 million in SFRF was awarded.

Intermediaries had their kick-off meeting in September 2023 and have begun submitting monthly invoices for services rendered. A second RFP was issued in October 2023 to identify vendors to administer the technical assistance, particularly for the food and beverage, child care, and construction industries. EOC drafted the application and determined the vetting process for the Direct Grant portion of the program.

At the end of the first quarter of FY2025, fifteen intermediaries are providing technical assistance to W/MBEs. Services include translation, Division of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion registration preparedness, assistance applying to grants, and entrepreneurship and business start-up training.

The direct grant program launched in September 2024 to support businesses that have received technical assistance. Funding is expected to be obligated to businesses between November 2024 - December 2024. Over 500 applications were submitted seeking almost \$5.0 million. To date, 159 businesses have been selected to receive \$1.75 million in support.

The program initially had a slow start and was identified as a risk for underspending by the PRO as late as March 31, 2024. As of the first quarter of FY2025, however, the PRO is no longer monitoring this program for risk.

**Destination Marketing**

The ability of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) to market Rhode Island as a destination in out-of-state airports is limited by federal regulations. The SFRF-funded Destination Marketing initiative supports alternative strategies to develop new markets for Rhode Island tourism. There has been \$3. million in SFRF appropriated to the initiative, with an additional \$3.0 million in RI Commerce Corporation tourism funds contributed, for a total of \$6.0 million.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Destination Marketing	EOC	RR	N/A	\$3.0	\$3.0	\$3.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

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

**Status:** According to the EOC, \$560,000 of the Destination Marketing funds have been used to maintain existing air service programs and launch advertising in new markets. Another \$1.1 million has gone towards New England sports media buys (to attract visiting team fans). Experiential events and installations have

been supported by \$1.0 million in SFRF. Hotel Month, an annual marketing event has been allocated \$160,000. EOC says that marketing has been targeted at driving leisure travel during the shoulder and off season from gateway cities such as Los Angeles, Chicago, Washington DC, and Detroit.

EOC indicates that funds are fully expended and that the program has been completed (PRO has yet to issue its closeout report for this initiative). A key metric of for destination marketing is observing an increase in airplane “load factors”, or airplane occupancy levels. The most recent data shows an increase in load factor by 15 points from January 2023 – August 2024, 71.8 percent to 82.5 percent.

### CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND EDUCATION

There are 12 statutorily authorized project categories related to children, families, and/or education, totaling \$137.6 million in SFRF. Of these, five PRO-designated subprojects have been identified by the PRO as being at risk of underspending or unable to proceed.

Project/Program	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total Appropriations
Child Care Support	\$12.7	\$9.8	\$19.5	\$0.0	\$42.0
Provider Workforce Stabilization	6.8	7.8	8.3	1.2	24.1
Nonprofit Assistance	-	20.0	-	-	20.0
Pediatric Recovery	6.0	5.3	3.7	-	15.0
Early Intervention Recovery	4.1	5.5	1.5	-	11.0
Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence	-	-	0.5	10.0	10.5
Out-of-School Time Education Providers	-	-	4.0	-	4.0
Adult Education Providers	-	-	4.9	0.1	5.0
RI Community Food Bank	-	-	3.0	-	3.0
Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant	-	-	-	2.0	2.0
Foster Care Youth Scholarships	-	-	-	1.0	1.0
Foster Home Lead Abatement & Fire Safety	-	-	-	-	-
PFAS Water Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29.5</b>	<b>\$48.5</b>	<b>\$45.3</b>	<b>\$14.3</b>	<b>\$137.6</b>

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

#### Child Care Support

The Department of Human Services (DHS) child care support consists of the following components: (1) the financing of retention bonuses for direct care staff at child care centers and licensed family providers in response to pandemic-related staffing shortages, (2) start up and technical assistance grants for family child care providers, (3) support for quality improvements for child care centers, and (4) support for improvements in child care workforce development, including the establishment and implementation of workforce registry and educational opportunities for direct care staff. The FY2023 Budget as Enacted amended language pertaining to retention bonuses as there were departmental setbacks to administering the program as originally described in the FY2021 Budget. Per the FY2023 Budget as Enacted, retention bonuses are required to be paid monthly or as often as administratively feasible, but not less than quarterly.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Pandemic Retention Bonuses	DHS	NEI	N/A	\$37.4	\$37.0	\$37.0	\$0.4	\$0.0
TEACH	DHS	NEI	N/A	2.0	0.4	0.4	1.6	-
Quality Improvement	DHS	RR	N/A	1.0	1.0	1.0	-	-
Workforce Registry	DHS	RR	N/A	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.0
Grants to Family Child Care Providers	DHS	NEI	N/A	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.1	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$42.0</b>	<b>\$39.5</b>	<b>\$39.5</b>	<b>\$2.5</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>

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

SFRF Program descriptions are as follows:

- Pandemic Retention Bonuses:** This initiative addresses shortages in the child care industry by providing incentives for those working in early childhood education. Full-time and part-time staff at state-licensed providers would be eligible for the awards. In FY2022, \$1,500 semi-annual bonuses were provided. In FY2023, bonuses changed to quarterly awards in the amount of \$750. Individual bonuses are not to exceed \$3,000 annually.

**Status:** The Department reports concluding all ten rounds of disbursements in August 2024. As of December 2024, the Department dispersed a total of \$34.4 million to 7,123 applicants. The final disbursement to qualified applicants was \$392.62.

- TEACH:** The Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH) scholarship is a nationally recognized workforce development model for early childhood educators. TEACH allows participants to complete credit bearing coursework towards degree credentials while remaining employees at an early learning center. TEACH also guarantees participants an increase in compensation through either a bonus or additional income from their employer sponsor. Funding towards TEACH has supported approximately 100 early childhood educators. The Department still has approximately \$1.6 million

**Status:** While the project initially experienced slow implementation, the Department reports that the program is fully running, supporting a total of 147 new scholarships, and 116 new sponsoring programs. Additionally, at the start of the fall semester, there was a total of 16 scholarship recipients currently enrolled.

- Quality Improvement:** Child care facilities who participate in the State's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) receive a Brightstars rating of one to five stars based on the quality rating that the provider has achieved within the State's quality rating system. Of the providers who participate, only 16.0 percent have received a high-quality rating of four or five stars. Providers identified funding as a barrier. ARPA SFRF funds have been allocated to grants to support improvements within facilities, materials, curriculum, and staff training, to provide the highest quality of care possible to the children participating in these programs

**Status:** According to the Department, the Quality Improvement initiative is currently in its last cohort, which began in April 2024. The initiative has a total of five cohorts, four of which are currently active. While the final cohort contains 30 participants, the quality improvement initiative saw a total of 347 participants. The Department also reports that the initiative has enabled more providers to move up the quality continuum more quickly and feel supported throughout the entire process. Additionally, the initiative is directly linked to more than 50.0 percent of BrightStar's rating increases. Since April 2024, there have been 47 star rating increases, 24 of which were enrolled in this program.

- Workforce Registry:** In response to the workforce shortage, DHS began developing a workforce registry which will survey child care providers annually to track the number of individuals working in the State’s child care industry.

**Status:** The Workforce registry launched on February 5, 2024, and currently has 5,580 early childhood educators enrolled in the system. The registry is also integrated with the Center for Early Learning Professionals, requiring educators to register for professional development that is also tracked by the system.

The Department continues to work with MTX to ensure that release two will be completed by the anticipatory date of February 2025. The release will include a fully integrated licensing system of record, including licensing and renewal applications, payments for applications and renewals, an app that licensors will use for visits, Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) applications and renewal, and all change requests associated with licensing and CCAP. The system will also include integration with BrightStars, the Rhode Island Child Information System, and RIBridges.

- Grants to Family Child Care Providers:** Grants to Family Child Care Providers are one of five projects that DHS implemented to stabilize the industry as the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the State’s existing child care workforce shortage. To mitigate the adverse effects of the shortage and support the industry, the Department began providing technical assistance and start up grants up to \$2,000 to increase the supply of family child care providers (FCCP).

**Status:** The Family Child Care Start-Up Grant program opened on October 5, 2022, and was completed on March 31, 2024. Throughout the time of the project, 130 potential Family Child Care providers were approved to receive the funding and began the licensing process. To date, 77 of these recipients have fully completed the licensing process and have been approved to operate a licensed Family Child Care program. Two of these recipients completed their licensing process during the indicated timeframe.

**Provider Workforce Stabilization**

The Provider Workforce Stabilization program supports workforce stabilization supplemental wage payments of up to \$700 monthly and hiring incentives of up to \$750 per employee to eligible direct care and supporting care staff of contracted service providers. Eligible employees for both payments must earn an annual salary of less than \$75,000, and hiring incentives may not be disbursed until 90 days of work has been completed by the employee.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Provider Workforce Stabilization	DCYF	NEI	N/A	\$23.2	\$22.2	\$22.2	\$1.1	\$0.0

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

**Status:** As of the most recent report, issued November 8, 2024, the program has expended:

Expenditures	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Total Expenditures	\$6.8	\$7.7	\$7.5	\$0.6
Hiring Bonuses	1.1%	4.1%	4.0%	8.7%
Tax Subsidies	7.1%	7.1%	7.1%	7.1%
Wages	92.6%	88.3%	89.3%	84.1%

*\$ in millions*

Providers have reported a net gain of 150 staff through September 30, 2024. The project has received several extensions, most recently continuing payments to providers until such time as a new contract is signed during the DCYF procurement process.

**Nonprofit Assistance**

The SFRF-funded Nonprofit Assistance initiative to support and mitigate the strain on Rhode Island’s network of Not-for-Profit Organization that provide essential community services throughout the State and often are critical partners to the work of State agencies. The missions of these organizations and the need of their customers have been strained by COVID-19, including housing and food insecurity, and behavioral health issues. The \$20.0 million in SFRF funding was allocated to the Rhode Island Foundation to distribute and manage.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Nonprofit Assistance	DOA/RIF	NEI	N/A	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

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**Status:** A total of \$20.0 million has been expended leaving no balance. A total of \$19.9 million was made to support the operations of the 240 various non-profits, of which 21.0 percent address behavioral health needs, 22.0 percent address food insecurity, and 10.0 percent address housing instability and homelessness prevention. Forty-seven percent of recipients address more than one of those areas. Grant payments were made from November 2022 through June 2023.

The appropriation balance will be used for Rhode Island Foundation’s (RIF) single audit fee of \$25,000, and an expense of \$6,000 was made for the state assessment of 0.03 percent of federal awards for its single audit fee (money goes to the Office of the Auditor General). According to the PRO the closeout report for Nonprofit Assistance is almost complete. The PRO expected to have the closeout report in June 2024. However, a delay arose on the interpretation of the KPI data collected by RIF.

**Pediatric Recovery**

The Pediatric Recovery SFRF program provided relief to pediatric providers in response to the decline in visitation and enrollment caused by the public health emergency and incentivized providers to increase developmental and psychosocial behavioral screenings. The program provided \$6.0 million for stabilization grant funding of certain targets established by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and met by the pediatric providers. An additional \$1.5 million was awarded to incentivize pediatric providers to increase developmental and psychosocial behavioral screenings. According to EOHHS, 43 practices, serving 58,644 Medicaid-enrolled children participated in Phase I of the program, and 40 practices serving 54,687 children are participating in Phase II.

The project provided payments to pediatric and family practice primary care providers who serve Medicaid-covered children. The first phase of the project was part of Rhode Island Rebounds and had two components:

- **Grants for Reporting and Performance on Child and Adolescent Well Visits, \$6,000,000:** These funds created an incentive for pediatric primary care providers to improve access to care and drive investment into their practices. Support was necessary for staffing and infrastructure to rebound from COVID-19-related delays in care. Payments were contingent on practices reporting baseline data and either meeting targets or demonstrating measurable improvement in the Child and Adolescent Well Care Visit measure. The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) tracked additional measures related to immunizations, including COVID-19 immunizations, and lead screening rates, which are expected to be closely tied to performance on the Child and Adolescent Well Care Visit measure.
- **Grants for Participation in Technical Assistance Activities to Enhance Efforts to Conduct Developmental, Psychosocial, and Behavioral Health Screenings, \$1,266,993:** EOHHS provided an additional round of grants to pediatric and family practice primary care providers who participated in the technical assistance outlined below. These performance grants were a meaningful incentive for

providers to adopt new training and workflow designs to screen children for healthy physical, cognitive, and socio-emotional development. These grants were distributed to providers who engaged with the technical assistance vendor, Care Transformation Collaborative of Rhode Island (CTC).

In addition, Technical Assistance (\$233,008) supported CTC to support training and workflow redesign, data collection and reporting, and best practice sharing to aid providers in improving performance. In addition, these funds supported CTC in evaluating practice performance.

The second Phase incentivized pediatric primary care providers to improve access to care, immunizations, and screenings, and invest in primary care practices to support the staffing and infrastructure necessary to rebound from pandemic-related delays in care. The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) made six payments to participating practices: The first payment was based on the submission of the program application, including a practice improvement plan and a commitment to participate in the technical assistance program. Four quarterly payments were contingent on the practice's performance on several vaccine and screening measures. One payment was based on participation in the program's robust learning component, a six-session Behavioral Health Learning Initiative. The learning initiative took place from January 2023 through June 2023. Some funds supported a technical assistance contractor tasked with training and workflow redesign, data collection and reporting, and best practice sharing to aid providers in successfully improving performance, as well as evaluating practice performance. The contractor provided the quality improvement practice facilitation and implemented the Behavioral Health Learning Initiative. Practices had access to a customized behavioral health practice facilitator as an optional service to assist with the development of responses to behavioral health needs.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Pediatric Provider Relief and Recovery	EOHHS	PH	N/A	\$7.5	\$7.5	\$7.5	\$0.0	\$0.0
Pediatric Provider Relief and Recovery: Phase II	EOHHS	PH	N/A	7.5	7.5	7.5	-	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$15.0</b>	<b>\$15.0</b>	<b>\$15.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**Status:** In Phase 1, implemented from March through July 2022, all pediatric practices met their performance and/or improvement targets for the “Child and Adolescent Well Care Visit” measure. All practices attended at least one technical assistance session, and most attended two or three sessions. As of June 30, 2022, 100.0 percent of providers engaged with CTC. According to the evaluation results as of June 7, 2022, 98.1 percent of respondents reported that the sessions were good (17.5 percent) or excellent (80.6 percent), and 46.9 percent (75 individuals) suggested that they were interested in customized psychosocial/behavioral health technical assistance.

For Phase I, \$7,266,992 was spent on provider payments with \$233,007 spent on technical assistance. For Phase II, \$7,499.871 has been spent to date with \$350,169 spent on technical assistance. The final contractor payment was made in February 2024 concluding all spending on this project.

The [closeout report](#) on the Pediatric Provider Relief and Recovery initiative provides the project and financial overview. The key performance indicators are provided in the following table:



Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Child and adolescent well visit	73.0%	78.0%	79.0%
Childhood vaccinations	74.0%	87.0%	81.0%
COVID-19 vaccinations	15.0%	25.0%	27.0%
Technical assistance participation	0.0%	70.0%	100.0%
Lead screenings administered	73.0%	83.0%	79.0%

*\$ in millions*

In Phase II, providers attended at least four out of six Behavioral Health Learning Initiative sessions. EOHHS made six payments to participating practices. The first payment was made upon practices submitting a program application which included an improvement plan and commitment to participate in the technical assistance program. Four payments were made for achieving performance and/or improvement targets on the vaccination and lead screening measures. Another payment was made upon participation in at least four of the six sessions on Behavioral Health and Learning Initiative between January 2023 and June 2023.

The [closeout report](#) on the Pediatric Provider Relief and Recovery Phase II provides the project and financial overview. The key performance indicators are provided in the following table:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Share of practices who enroll in Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO)	-	100.0%	100.0%
Share of practices who participate in at least four of six ECHO sessions	-	100.0%	100.0%
Kindergarten vaccine readiness	81.0%	93.0%	94.0%
7th grade vaccine readiness	60.0%	76.0%	78.0%
One lead screen by 24 months of age	80.0%	90.0%	91.0%
Two lead screens by 36 months of age	60.0%	65.0%	70.0%

*\$ in millions*

### Early Intervention Recovery

The Early Intervention Recovery program provided relief to early intervention providers in response to a decline in enrollment for early intervention, family home visiting and screening programs. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) provided stabilization grants totaling \$5.2 million to all nine early intervention (EI) providers. The grant amount was calculated based on the size of the population served by each provider, as provided through a survey. Eligible uses for the stabilization grant included, but were not limited to, enhanced outreach activities to ensure equitable access and family engagement in EI services; retention bonuses for staff; workforce costs due to labor market conditions; professional development activities; and, costs required to increase in-person visits.

This program also provided performance bonuses for providers who hit certain targets, such as recovering referral numbers and achieving reduced staff turnover. EOHHS developed a pay-for-performance model to incentivize providers to increase service activity. A total of \$5.8 million was available in bonus payments based on EI providers meeting targets, such as recovering referral and staffing figures to 2019 levels, increasing the percentage of children referred to EI who completed the eligibility process and engaged in services, and reducing disproportionality for families with Medicaid coverage and families of color.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Early Intervention Recovery	EOHHS	PH	N/A	\$11.0	\$11.0	\$11.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

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**Status:** All funds have been distributed as of December 31, 2023. The Department reports that while staffing and turnover did improve, the State is still not at the capacity needed to meet demand and the number of referrals now requires that the staffing capacity exceed the original benchmark.

The [closeout report](#) on the Early Intervention Recovery provides the project and financial overview. The key performance indicators are provided in the following table:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Increase referrals to 100% of calendar year 2019 monthly rate	62.0%	100.0%	98.0%
Increase net staffing capacity to calendar year 2019 numbers	0	54	39
Increase percentage of children referred who complete eligibility process	67.0%	80.0%	83.0%
Decrease percentage of children who disengage with EI services before program completion	31.0%	19.0%	19.0%

**Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence**

The Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence project provides \$10.5 million to nonprofit organizations to develop projects that support child and adult survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The projects include: (i) purchasing and renovating units to permanently increase the number of transitional housing units available to domestic violence and sexual assault survivors; (ii) funding transitional housing and providing complete wraparound services (including trauma informed counseling, employment counseling, childcare assistance, and transportation; (iii) assisting survivors with rental assistance, utility assistance, and relocation aid; (iv) hiring qualified personnel to assist with case management and counseling needs.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence	DPS	PH	I	\$10.5	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$9.2	\$0.0

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**Status:** The Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence project is in the early stages of implementation. Sojourner House, Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center, Crossroads RI, Family Service of RI, and McAuley Ministries were selected as partner organizations and received their awards in February of 2024. The Department indicates that, “Several agencies sought to hire case managers and/or licensed social workers as part of their project as the first priority. Many experienced that few applicants applied for these positions, and those that did were often unlicensed or unqualified. Positions had to be posted multiple times that resulted in delays in actually hiring. Additionally, projects that sought to purchase multi-family properties found supply limited in locations that were preferred. Sojourner House was able to purchase one multi-family property during this reporting period. This project has steadily progressed, as personnel have been hired, and additional properties have been purchased.” Nonetheless, to date the project has only reached 12.0 percent of planned expenditures, the equivalent of a Level I risk according to the PRO’s previous risk level monitoring system.

**Out-of-School Time Education Providers**

SFRF funding would continue the investment in the Advancing Learning Beyond the 180-Day School Year program in support of Governor Daniel J. McKee’s Learn365RI initiative, with the long-term goals of improving student learning outcomes and increasing three key metrics:

- Rhode Island Comprehensive Assessment System (RICAS) mathematics and English Language Arts scores
- School Attendance Rates
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion rates.

Specifically, the Out of School Time Education Providers funding would support:

- Direct grants to 38 Rhode Island municipalities, including:
  - Roughly 29 standard grants in the amount of \$40,000, and

- Roughly 9 expanded grants up to \$400,000.
- Temporary increased capacity of RIDE to oversee implementation, ongoing evaluation, reporting, and strategic planning of the project.
- Third-party professional development in quality after school program delivery and management to municipalities and their out-of-school time providers and partners.

RIDE will administer a competitive Request for Proposals, review, and award grants. Outcome and participant data will be collected monthly and quarterly for reports. The Out-of-School Time Education Providers initiative provides SFRF funds to “expand access to educational programs”. The funding is to be directly distributed through the Rhode Island Department of Education’s Office of Student, Community and Academic Supports.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Out-of-School Time Education Providers	RIDE	RR	N/A	\$4.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$4.0	\$0.0

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**Status:** According to the Governor’s Office, there originally was \$4.0 million in federal pandemic Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Funds (GEER) available to provide grants to fund out-of-school time education providers, or “municipal learning centers”. Based on this the Governor’s Office decided to delay issuing an RFP for municipal learning centers until 2024. As of November 2024, \$3.8 million in grants have been obligated to 30 municipalities. Four of the municipalities began activities in the first quarter of FY2025, the remaining 26 are scheduled to start in the second quarter of FY2025 or later. Grants are expected to continue through June 30, 2026. In addition, the Department has established monthly office hours with local members supporting the grants and have established the expectation of quarterly reporting.

The Department expects all major grant activities to be completed by the end of FY2026, with the final reporting being completed by the end of the first quarter in FY2027.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) will be tracked beginning this quarter. The KPIs includes the following:

- Number of Standard Grants Awarded (29-32 municipalities)
- Number of Expanded Grants Awarded (6-9 municipalities)
- Increased Number of student participants enrolled in programs including afterschool programs, summer learning programs, and FAFSA completion events
- Increased Number of hours of student programming

*Analyst Note: None of the measured KPIs relate to the identified student outcome metrics: Rhode Island Comprehensive Assessment System (RICAS) mathematics and English Language Arts scores; School Attendance Rates; or, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion rates.*

**Adult Education Providers**

The SFRF-funded Adult Education Providers initiative provides additional support for adult learning in Rhode Island. Funds are to be distributed through a grant process managed by the Office of Adult Education. Proposals will be reviewed and awards will be made to the network of 19 nonprofit, adult education providers to expand access to educational programs and literary services including high school equivalency preparation, English for Speakers of Other Languages, digital literacy skills development, and workforce preparation and training, including Integrated Education and Training (IET). IET is a nationally recognized workforce development model shown to accelerate successful completion of sectoral job training by adults with foundational skill gaps.

Specifically, the project will fund:

- Direct grants to create regional hubs to streamline access to services statewide and facilitate knowledge transfer.
- Direct grants to purchase devices and software to support the integration of digital literacy and use of eTests statewide.
- Direct grants for the expansion of Adult Education services statewide.
- Temporary increased capacity of the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) to oversee implementation, ongoing evaluation, and strategic planning of the project.
- Third-party evaluation to identify service gaps and ensure regional equity.
- Third-party marketing and outreach campaign in multiple languages.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Adult Education Providers	RIDE	NEI	I	\$5.0	\$1.4	\$1.4	\$3.6	\$0.0

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**Status:** The project launched late due to a delay in completing the approval process to access the funding, and the subsequent delay in hiring the Project Manager for the initiatives. The Adult Education Providers SFRF project was not approved until April 3, 2023. The project manager was hired in August 2023. Elements of the SFRF-funded work such as the launch of four regional orientation, assessment, and referral hubs and evaluation and communications work with external contractors were on hold pending hiring of the project manager.

According to the Department, progress on the Adult Education Providers SFRF project is about a quarter behind its original implementation schedule. In October 2023, this project was flagged by PRO at a **Level I Risk** because as of September 30, 2023, the project had actual expenditures of \$28,359, or 3.9 percent of planned expenditures through September 30, 2023, and below the PRO threshold percentage of 25.0 percent used to identify an SFRF project as at risk for significant underspend. As of January 13, 2024, this project remained at a Level I Risk since only 10.0 percent of the planned expenditures had been spent. As of December 31, 2023, this project remains at a Level I Risk since only 10.0 percent of the planned expenditures had been spent and only \$2.0 million of the SFRF appropriation has been obligated for the execution of the project. This represents 40.7 percent of the total project appropriation. By the July 31, 2024, report from the Pandemic Recovery Office, the project was no longer flagged as being at risk; however, in the October 31, 2024, report, was added to the list of monitored projects. Monitored projects receive a higher level of scrutiny from PRO.

According to the Department, a total of \$4.2 million will be obligated in grants to adult education grantee organizations by spring 2024. RIDE will use the remaining \$743,500 to support the project manager full-time equivalent, the communications and evaluation contracts, and ongoing marketing and outreach efforts. Reports of expenditures lag obligations because RIDE manages grants on a reimbursement basis. Payments will accelerate as local programs spend their awarded funds and submit requests for reimbursement. Furthermore, a portion of the SFRF mini-grants supports expanded staff capacity for the local adult education programs for the duration of the project through June 2026.

According to the Department, the following benchmarks have been reached:

- \$4.2 million in mini-grants has been obligated to local adult education grantees, including \$1.3 million in Digital Literacy, \$1.2 million in Regional Orientation, Assessment, and Referral Hub, and \$1.7 million in expansion of core services.

- 11 regional orientation, assessment, and referral hubs have launched statewide. These physical locations around the state, which opened to the public in October 2023, have already supported over 2,1000 community members access programming that will help them improve their skills.
- The equity audit of adult education outcomes was completed by an external evaluator. These results will support the strategic planning process and support program implementation of mini-grant initiatives.
- The statewide communications campaign launched in August 2024 with new branding and multilingual advertising statewide.
- The adult education strategic planning process launched in October 2024 with the formation of steering committee comprised of current and former leaders in adult education.

The Department provided the following timeline:

- All mini-grant projects funded by SFRF, including the regional orientation, assessment, and referral hubs, will conclude by June 2026. All mini-grants to adult education grantees were fully obligated as on November 2024.
- All statewide initiatives funded by SFRF will be completed by September 2026.
- The RIDE Adult Education Providers SFRF project will be fully completed in December 2026 with the expiration of the Project Manager position in June 2026.
- A consultant will be hired to oversee the final two quarters and ensure the completion of the promotional campaign and the strategic plan, as well as overseeing the final reporting requirements.

**Rhode Island Community Food Bank**

The SFRF-funded Rhode Island Community Food Bank initiative provided increased financial support to one of the State’s most important food security organizations. The Food Bank reported a significant increase in utilization, as food insecurity has nearly tripled from pre-pandemic numbers. The additional funds supported the Food Bank in achieving its mission of providing nutrient dense food to RI households who struggle with food insecurity.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Rhode Island Community Food Bank	DHS	NEI	N/A	\$3.0	\$3.0	\$3.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

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**Status:** According to the Department, the Rhode Island Community Food Bank used funds previously awarded to purchase food to distribute to DHS member agencies (any agency that has entered into a joint agreement/memorandum of understanding regarding participation in the program). Individuals experiencing food insecurity can receive food directly from the Food Bank, which provides this assistance to anyone living in the state. The food purchased is made available each month to an average of 24,000 households comprised of about 80,000 individuals. With the grant funding, the Food Bank purchased approximately 3,360,365 pounds of food. Funds totaling \$2,999,100 from the project were expended at the end of July 2024.

The [closeout report](#) on the Rhode Island Community Food Bank provides the project and financial overview. The key performance metrics are provided in the following table:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Number of Households Served	24,000.00	24,000	31,078
Amount of Food Purchased	0	2,856,286	3,360,609
Amount of Food Distributed	0	2,856,286	3,360,609
Number of Programs Served	0	100	143

**Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant**

The Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant initiative provides formula grants to municipalities for the startup of Learn365RI Community Learning Centers. To be eligible a municipality must have been previously awarded capital funding through the Municipal and Higher Ed Matching Community Learning Center Municipal Grant Program. This latter program is authorized and funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF).

The CPF matching grant program provides an incentive to municipalities to renovate or build a community wellness learning center that meets the work, education, and health monitoring requirements identified by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Treasury requires that each recipient of a CPF grant make a commitment for at least five years of services that jointly and directly enable education, work, and health monitoring.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant	DOA	RR	N/A	\$2.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2.0	\$0.0

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**Status:** The FY2025 Budget as Enacted included \$2.0 million of SFRF funds, to be evenly distributed across the 21 Community Learning Centers (\$95,209.52 each), to support the programmatic launch of these centers. The Department of Administration believes this investment will help to ensure that these programs successfully create highly impactful programming across the state, the sharing of best practices, and related operational startup costs as determined by the local teams. According to the PRO, each of the municipalities shown below returned signed grant agreements in time to obligate the full \$2.0 million by the January 31, 2024, SFRF obligation deadline.

Municipality	Project
Barrington	Bay Spring Community Learning Center
Bristol	Rogers Free Library Community Facility Improvements
Central Falls	El Centro
Charlestown	Cross Mills Public Library Community Learning Center
Coventry	Coventry Community Learning Center
Cumberland	Wellness Hub at the Amaral Building and Heritage Park
East Greenwich	Swift Community Center Renovation Project
East Providence	East Providence Community Center
Glocester	Harmony Library Community Addition
Glocester	Manton Library – Community Room and Meeting Rooms Renovation
Hopkinton	Town of Hopkinton Community Center
Lincoln	Lincoln Learning Center
Newport	Florence Gray Center
North Providence	North Providence Community Center
Providence	Elmwood Community Center
Providence	Joslin Recreation Center
Providence	Davey Lopes Recreation Center
Smithfield	East Smithfield Neighborhood Center Rehabilitation
South Kingstown	Peace Dale Library Community Learning Center Services Expansion Project
Westerly	Tower Street Community Center
Woonsocket	Multipurpose Community Learning Center at Cass Park

**Foster Care Youth Scholarship**

The Foster Care Youth Scholarship supports a last dollar scholarship program for foster care under the supervision of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. The Scholarship supports former foster youth exiting the system and attending Rhode Island College. These funds provide year-round services such as dining, housing, and advising. Funding is awarded to the RIC foundation to distribute as necessary.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Foster Care Youth Scholarship	OPC	RR	N/A	\$1.0	-	-	\$1.0	-

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**Status:** According to the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner; The Office, Rhode Island College, and the Department for Children, Youth, and Families have finalized criteria for eligibility for the scholarship. The grant agreement between the Office and the Rhode Island College Foundation is anticipated to be executed in Quarter two of FY2025.

**Foster Home Lead Abatement & Fire Safety**

The Foster Home Lead Abatement & Fire Safety initiatives provide financial assistance to foster families for lead remediation and fire suppression upgrades to assist potential foster homes in meeting lead and/or fire code standards.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	PRO	Total	Total	Total	Remaining	Unexpended
			Risk Level	Approps.	Transfers	Expenses	Approps.	Transfers
Lead Remediation in Foster Homes	DCYF	NEI	X	\$1.0	-	-	\$1.0	-
Fire Safety Upgrades in Foster Homes	DCYF	NEI	X	0.9	-	-	0.9	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$1.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1.9</b>	<b>-</b>

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

#### Status:

- Lead Remediation in Foster Homes:** The Department originally intended to work with RIHousing as a sub-recipient of the federal funds due to RIHousing’s existing lead abatement program. In December 2023, the Department and RIHousing notified the Pandemic Recovery Office (PRO) of the desire to terminate the project due to lack of feasibility and to allow the State to repurpose funding to a different project. The project has since been designated as “unable to proceed”. In its FY2024 Final Budget, the General Assembly reallocated this project’s SFRF funds to other initiatives.
- Fire Safety Upgrades in Foster Homes:** The RFP for qualified individual(s)/vendor(s) for this project was submitted to the Department of Administration as of October 4, 2023. The October RFP received no bids, and as such the Department notified the PRO of their desire to terminate the project to allow the State to repurpose funding to a different project. The project has since been designated as “unable to proceed”. In its FY2024 Final Budget, the General Assembly also reallocated this project’s SFRF funds to other initiatives.

#### PFAS Water Treatment

The PFAS Water Treatment program was intended to support the replacement of 3.0 new wells and the construction of a water treatment plant at the University of Rhode Island.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	PRO	Total	Total	Total	Remaining	Unexpended
			Risk Level	Approps.	Transfers	Expenses	Approps.	Transfers
PFAS Water Treatment	OPC	Infrastructure	X	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

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

**Status:** In 2023 URI reported that three of its wells had a PFAS contamination level over twenty parts per trillion, which is the legal limit. The FY2024 Budget as Enacted appropriates \$20.0 million in ARPA SFRF funds to address this water infrastructure problem. At the time PRO had identified this project as a **Level I Risk** project as the budget timeline indicates that \$3.2 million of the total project costs will be incurred in the first two quarters of FY2027 and does not provide any flexibility to URI in case there is a delay in the project. Additionally, the timeline allows for 6 months for project approvals, which would require both RIDOH and DBR to prioritize the PFAS project. In the final FY2024 Budget as Enacted, the General Assembly eliminated the SFRF funding for this project and reallocated it to other projects. The project however, continue with general revenue funds.

The University reports that the project is currently in construction, receiving a purchase order for the interim water treatment system on December 19, 2023. All permits have been received expect RIDOH approval. The interim water treatment project is scheduled to be operational this fall with final completion in December 2024. The permanent water treatment facility is expected to go out to bid in late summer 2024 with a scheduled completion date of December 26.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

There are four statutorily authorized project categories related to public health, totaling \$129.5 million in SFRF. One PRO-designated subproject has been identified as unable to move forward.



Project/Program	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total Appropriations
Health Care Facilities	-	\$77.5	-	\$10.0	\$87.5
Ongoing COVID-19 Response	-	0.4	35.2	0.8	36.4
Public Health Clinics	-	0.3	3.7	-	4.0
Auto-Enrollment Program HSRI	-	0.3	1.3	-	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$78.5</b>	<b>\$40.2</b>	<b>\$10.8</b>	<b>\$129.5</b>

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

### Health Care Facilities

SFRF-funding to Health Care Facilities has been provided to support the ongoing staffing needs of hospitals, nursing facilities and community health centers related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The FY2023 Budget as Enacted included \$77.5 million in federal funds, including \$45.0 million allocated to hospitals, or systems of hospitals with a base payment equivalent to \$1.0 million per hospital with the remaining appropriation allocated to each hospital based on a hospital's pro rata share of operating expenses from the 2021 cost reports and \$30.0 million distributed to nursing facilities based on the number of Medicaid beds days from the 2020 facility cost reports, provided at least 80.0 percent of a given nursing facility's allocation is dedicated to direct care workers. Lastly, \$2.5 million was distributed to the community health centers through the Rhode Island Health Center Association to support direct care staffing needs. The FY2025 Budget as Enacted provided another \$10.0 million for a second phase of the nursing facilities program.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Health Care Facilities: Nonprofit Hospital Assistance	DOA	RR	N/A	\$40.5	\$40.5	\$40.5	\$0.0	\$0.0
Health Care Facilities: Nursing Home Assistance	DOA	RR	N/A	30.0	30.0	30.0	-	-
Health Care Facilities: Nursing Home Assistance: Phase II	DOA	RR	N/A	10.0	-	-	10.0	-
For Profit Hospital Assistance	DOA	RR	N/A	4.5	4.5	4.5	-	-
Health Care Facilities: Health Center Assistance	DOA	RR	N/A	2.5	2.5	2.5	-	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$87.5</b>	<b>\$77.5</b>	<b>\$77.5</b>	<b>\$10.0</b>	<b>-</b>

**Status:** The FY2023 Budget as Enacted included \$77.5 million to address ongoing staffing needs of hospitals, nursing facilities and community health centers related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The subprojects included:

**Hospital Assistance:** \$45.0 million was allocated to non-profit and for-profit hospitals, or systems of hospitals, if hospitals are members of one; to include a base payment equivalent to \$1.0 million per hospital with the remainder of the appropriation allocated to each hospital based on a hospital's pro rata share of operating expenses from the 2021 cost reports. The project was completed on September 30, 2023, at its

targeted completion date and the PRO issued its [closeout report](#) for non-profit hospital assistance on January 2, 2024. The key performance indicators are provided in the following table:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Number of nonprofit hospitals served	0.0	10.0	10.0
Total grant dollars distributed	-	\$40.5	\$40.5
Operating margin	-	(10.0)	(3.6)

The PRO issued its [closeout report](#) for for-profit hospital assistance on January 2, 2024. The key performance indicators are provided in the following table:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Number of for-profit hospitals served	0.0	2.0	2.0
Total grant dollars distributed	-	\$4.5	\$4.5
Operating margin	-	(1.0)	(10.0)

*\$ in millions*

Health Care Facilities: Nonprofit Hospital Assistance	Amount
Rhode Island Hospital	\$14,075,265
Miriam Hospital	5,192,832
Women and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island	4,857,780
Kent County Memorial Hospital	4,216,829
South County Hospital Healthcare System	2,685,878
Landmark Medical Center	1,992,026
Newport Hospital	1,955,147
Butler Hospital	1,926,538
Westerly Hospital	1,892,849
Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital	1,677,600
Audit Fees	12,145
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$40,484,889</b>
<b>Health Care Facilities: For-Profit Hospital Assistance</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Prospect Chartercare Roger Williams Medical Center	\$2,408,164
Prospect Chartercare Our Lady of Fatima Hospital	2,105,593
Audit Fees	1,355
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,515,111</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,000,000</b>

- Nursing Home Assistance:** \$30.0 million was distributed to nursing facilities, based on the number of Medicaid beds days from the 2020 facility cost reports, provided at least 80.0 percent of the funding received by a nursing facility is dedicated to direct care workers. The State started distributing each nursing facility's share of the \$30.0 million on December 19, 2022. A total of 75 nursing facilities received their share of the \$30.0 million. The project was completed on November 15, 2023. The project's targeted completion date was approximately July 2023.

Ninety-three percent of funds went to direct care workers – above the statutory requirement of 80.0 percent. Seventy-four of the 75 nursing facilities remained opened six months after receiving the grant payment. Some nursing facilities were challenged to spend their full grant amount in the time they projected due to the ratio of agency nursing staff used, an ineligible expense with respect to the 80.0 percent requirement, to direct care workers. As a result, these nursing facilities took longer to expend 80.0 percent of their grant amounts on direct care workers. This delayed the time to conclusion of the project slightly.

The General Assembly authorized a second phase of the nursing home assistance initiative and shifted \$10.0 million in SFRF funding in the FY2025 Budget as Enacted to support it. The initiative continues funding for nursing facilities during the first three months of FY2025, until the new rate changes take effect in October 2024. The Pandemic Recovery Office (PRO) has a preliminary distribution list of the \$10.0 million proposed in the FY2025 budget. However, the list is still under review and has not yet been made public.

The PRO has issued its [closeout report](#) for this project. The key performance indicators for the project are:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Number of nursing facilities served	0.0	75.0	75.0
Percentage of grant payments dedicated to direct care workers	-	80.0%	93%
Number of nursing homes still in operation six months after receipt of grant payment	75.0	75.0	74.0

- Health Center Assistance:** \$2.5 million was paid to the Rhode Island Health Center Association on December 29, 2022, and distributed to the eight eligible community health centers on that date to support direct care staffing needs. The PRO completed the final report on February 9, 2024. The actual employee retention rate was 83.0 percent. The PRO has issued its [closeout report](#) for this project. The key performance indicators of this project are:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Number of non-profit health centers served	0.0	8.0	8.0
Dollars distributed in HPSAs	-	2.5.	\$2.5
Employee retention rate	76.0%	85.0%	83.0%
Average employee tenure (years)	5.2	5.7	5.2

*\$ in millions*

Health Care Facilities: Health Center Assistance	Amount
Providence Community Health Center Inc.	\$775,517
Thundermist Health Center	688,543
Blackstone Valley Community Health Center	265,920
Comprehensive Community Action Program	231,930
Wellone	216,435
East Bay Health Center	131,461
Tricounty Health Center	94,972
Wood River Health Services Inc.	94,472
Audit Fees	750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>

**Ongoing COVID-19 Response**

SFRF-supported initiatives related to State’s public health response to the pandemic include a foundational level of baseline support within the Department of Health for public health response activities and reserve funding within the Department of Administration to be available going forward in the event of the pandemic worsening. It also includes funding for the warehousing of pandemic-related supplies.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Ongoing COVID-19 Response	DOA	RR	X		-	-	-	-
COVID Baseline	DOH	RR	N/A	32.2	22.1	22.1	10.1	0.0
Public Health Response Warehouse Support	DOA	RR	N/A	4.2	2.4	2.4	1.8	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$36.4</b>	<b>\$24.5</b>	<b>\$24.5</b>	<b>\$11.9</b>	<b>-</b>

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

**Status**

**Ongoing COVID-19 Response:** The FY2024 Budget as Enacted included \$41.8 million in federal funding from the ARPA SFRF for COVID-19 Ongoing Response activities. This includes the shift of unspent funds from FY2023, to continue COVID-19 mitigation activities and to address public health impacts, such as COVID-19 testing, vaccine campaign, case investigation, contact tracing efforts; and, for public health emergency response supports such as data and reporting; and communications.

**Status:** There have been no expenditures and that the State does not anticipate needing to use ongoing COVID-19 response funds. The FY2025 Budget returned the \$41.8 million appropriation to the SFRF to be reappropriated for other eligible uses. The result is a reduction of \$41.8 million in federal funds, as compared to the previous fiscal year budget.

- **COVID Baseline:** These funds are allocated to (1) activities related to the prevention and mitigation of COVID-19, and (2) addressing public health impacts of the pandemic. The Department utilizes funds to provide epidemiological, testing, analytics, and operational support.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
COVID-19 Operational Support: Analytics	DOH	PH	N/A	\$19.3	\$13.6	\$13.6	\$5.8	\$0.0
COVID-19 Operational Support: Epidemiology	DOH	PH	N/A	10.1	6.8	6.8	3.3	0.0
COVID-19 Operational Support: Testing	DOH	PH	N/A	2.8	1.7	1.7	1.0	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$32.2</b>	<b>\$22.1</b>	<b>\$22.1</b>	<b>\$10.1</b>	<b>-</b>

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

**COVID-19 Operational Support: Analytics:** This portion of the COVID-19 baseline supports the project’s analytics team with \$15.0 million in total appropriations. This portion of the project is not identified as at risk by PRO at this time. Pursuant to the Department FY2024 Revised and FY2025 requested budget, the Department plans to re-budget the COVID-19 funds for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Status:** According to the Department, this project is ongoing. The Department breaks this project down into five different teams: Administrative Assistance Response, Communications Response, Quant Response, Surge Response, and Technology Enablement and Laboratory Integration. According to the Department, a primary challenge includes the transition to a new

reporting system as required by the CDC, as well as, lack of expertise in surge response. The Department also reports All projects are expected to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

- **COVID-19 Operation Support: Epidemiology:** This portion of the COVID-19 baseline project supports epidemiological portions of COVID-19 mitigation. The subproject received a total of \$10.9 million in appropriations in FY2024. It is identified by the PRO as a **Level II Risk** project, elevated from a Level I Risk in the previous quarterly report, because actual expenditures are significantly less than the Department’s planned expenditures. RIDOH is revising its budget timeline and amending the timeline so that it more realistically reflects current trends. Pursuant to the Department FY2024 Revised and FY2025 requested budget, the Department plans to re-budget the COVID-19 funds for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Status:** According to the Department of Health, this project is ongoing. The project primarily monitors reporting of test results, conducts outreach of high-risk individuals, supports high-risk facilities during COVID-19 outbreaks, and coordinates the COVID-19 call center. The Department reports that its most significant implementation challenge continues to be staffing and turn over, especially as operations wind down. The Department continues to transition from COVID-19 infrastructure to appropriate infrastructure to continue steady-state operations for reportable diseases.

- **COVID-19 Operation Support: Testing:** This portion of the COVID-19 baseline project supports the acquisition and distribution of COVID-19 test kits. The subproject received a total of \$8.9 million in appropriations in FY2024.

**Status:** According to the Department of Health, this project is ongoing, partnering with multiple Rhode Island wastewater treatment facilities and clinical laboratories to submit positive COVID-19 tests and wastewater testing results. The Department reports a significant decrease in specimens being sent into the State Health Lab for testing, indicating that residents are either not being tested or are testing at home. The Department reports that the RI State Health Laboratory plans to establish and expand public health surveillance to provide critical data to other RIDOH programs and other state agencies.

- **Public Health Response Warehouse Support:** This project is co-administered with the Department of Administration and the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency. The FY2023 Budget as Enacted included \$2.0 million 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 Budget as Enacted included an appropriation of \$1.4 million, and the FY2025 Budget as Enacted included \$778,347, for a total appropriation of \$4.2 million. The Pandemic Recovery Office (PRO) approved the continuation of funding for this project on November 6, 2023.

**Status:** The State is leased two warehouses; one is located at 2700 Plainfield Pike, in Cranston, and owned by EIM Plainfield Pike LLC; and the other was located at 100 Higginson Avenue, in Lincoln, and owned by Waterloo Way LLP. As of October 31, 2024, a total of \$1.3 million has been expended leaving a balance of \$2.0 million for warehouse lease payments. The costs of the warehouse, including lease payments, etc., are no longer eligible for FEMA reimbursement at 90.0 percent. The current plan is to use the appropriation to cover the warehouse costs until the funds are exhausted. The project’s expected completion date is approximately June 2025. The project is currently on track to meet all U.S. Treasury deadlines.

### **Public Health Clinics**

SFRF-funded Public Health Clinic initiatives includes assistance for the Rhode Island Free Clinic to improve statewide access and quality of primary care for uninsured adults, to increase access to dental care for uninsured adults integrated into medical care at the clinic, and to build infrastructure for telehealth and electronic medical records. It also includes resources for Open Door Health, a health clinic focused on the

LGBTQ+ community, to expand services to address issues for people who are disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These resources include \$2.0 million to support the building of a new facility. Land acquisition and construction contracts for the new facility are required to be executed prior to June 30, 2024. Any funds not committed by that date are to be transferred back to the State.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Public Health Clinics: Free Clinic	DOH	NEI	N/A	\$2.0	\$1.6	\$1.6	\$0.4	\$0.0
Public Health Clinics: Open Door	DOH	RR	N/A	2.0	1.7	1.7	0.3	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$4.0</b>	<b>\$3.3</b>	<b>\$3.3</b>	<b>\$0.7</b>	<b>-</b>

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

#### Status:

- **The Rhode Island Free Clinic:** The Rhode Island Free Clinic project is progressing and addressing operational needs. The Clinic has hired the full PRO-approved staffing goal of 6.46 FTE positions in August 2024, two of which are focused on the long-term viability of the Clinic through establishing permanent funding sources. The Clinic has also implemented the State-wide CurrentCare Electronic Medical Records system with a formal training program to train new personnel and provide ongoing support. According to the Clinic, a significant challenge includes high turnover, including within the CEO position. The Clinic currently has an interim CEO who is focused on the SFRF goals and has achieved hiring the FTE positions. The Department expects that funds will be fully expended by June 30, 2025.
- **Open Door Health:** According to the Department of Health, the project is in progress. Open Doors Health enter into a Purchase and Sale agreement to purchase land at 14 Cargill Street and 257 Dean Street on November 3, 2023. After due diligence, the sale transaction closed on March 13, 2024. Since the land purchase price was \$650,000 less than the SFRF reward, all remaining funds are for capitalized costs of the building. The Department expects all funds to be distributed to Open Doors Health by December 31, 2024.

#### Auto-Enrollment Program HSRI

The Auto-Enrollment Program at HealthSource Rhode Island (HSRI) supports the automatic enrollment of qualified individuals transitioned off Medicaid coverage at the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency into qualified health plans to avoid gaps in coverage following the public health emergency.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Auto-Enrollment Program HSRI	DOA/HSRI	NEI	N/A	\$1.6	\$1.6	\$1.6	-	-

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

**Status:** The SFRF Auto-Enrollment Program concluded in October 2024. Through SFY25 Q1 the Program served 20,952 households, automatically enrolling 15,234 individuals, and assisting a total of 27,159 individuals. The program paid out a total of \$1.6 million to automatically cover individuals through wither a qualified health plan or a Medicaid plan.

#### CLIMATE

There are four statutorily authorized project categories related to climate initiatives, totaling \$93.3 million in SFRF. Of these, one has been identified by the PRO as being unable to proceed.

Project/Program	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total Appropriations
Port of Davisville	-	\$6.0	\$59.0	-	\$65.0
OER Electric Heat Pumps	-	-	25.0	-	25.0
RIPTA R-Line Free Service Pilot	-	2.5	0.8	-	3.3
South Quay Marine Terminal	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$8.5</b>	<b>\$84.8</b>	-	<b>\$93.3</b>

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### Port of Davisville

The SFRF-funded Port of Davisville initiative supports the improvement and expansion of port infrastructure and services at the Port of Davisville in Quonset in accordance with the Quonset Development Corporation's (QDC) master plan. There is a total of \$65.0 million in SFRF funds appropriated to the Port.

The Port of Davisville is a publicly-owned international shipping port located within the Quonset Business Park (QBP) in North Kingstown. The facilities currently include 4,500 linear feet of berthing space, consisting of five terminals, two piers (each 1,200 feet in length), a bulkhead, 32 feet of controlled water depth, on-dock rail, and 60 acres of laydown and terminal storage.

Infrastructure improvement at the Port is governed by a Port Master Plan. The plan calls for multiple projects required to modernize the existing infrastructure, expand new piers and terminals, and customize the infrastructure to meet the demands of the off-shore wind energy industry. The total cost of the plan is \$234.5 million, of which \$120.2 million is funded.

The SFRF funds are being used to partially finance two of the currently unfunded projects in the Port Master Plan.

- **Pier 1 Rehabilitation:** Pier 1 was originally built by the U.S. Naval Construction Battalions in 1941 when the Port was part of the Quonset Naval Air Station. The nearly 80-year old structure is long past its original design life. The Master Plan calls for a complete rehabilitation, modernization, and expansion of the pier.
- **New Terminal 5 Pier:** The new pier at Terminal 5 is estimated to cost \$56.0 million and is planned to be constructed in phases in order to respond to funding availability, with expanded services available upon completion of each stage.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Port of Davisville	QDC	RR	N/A	\$65.0	\$32.4	\$20.3	\$32.6	\$12.0

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

**Status:** According to the QDC, \$63.4 million, or approximately 98.0 percent of the total SFRF appropriation has been committed. The individual projects supported by the funding include:

- **Pier 1:** \$10.3 million has been allocated to the on-going Pier 1 reconstruction project. This project is planned to be completed in March 2025.
- **Pier 5:** \$53.1 million has been allocated to the construction of the new Terminal 5 Pier. The QDC indicates that this project got underway in December 2023, and is planned to be completed in June of 2025. According to Quonset, \$19.1 million has been expended
- **Other Master Plan Items:** The remaining \$1.6 million is earmarked for a port access reconfiguration project that was bid in the Summer of 2024. Work on this project began in the fourth quarter of FY2024.

### OER Electric Heat Pumps

The Electric Heat Pump Grant Program within the Office of Energy Resources (OER) assists homeowners and small-to-mid-size business owners with the purchase and installation of high-efficiency electric heat pumps, with an emphasis on families in environmental justice communities, minority-owned businesses, and community organizations who otherwise cannot afford this technology.

The OER is required to report to the Speaker of the House and Senate President no later than April 1 of each year the results of this program, including but not limited to, the number of grants issued, amount of each grant and the average grant amount, and the expected cumulative carbon emissions reductions associated with heat pumps that received a grant, of which \$5.0 million is disbursed in FY2023, \$10.0 million in FY2024, and \$10.0 million in FY2025.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
OER Electric Heat Pumps	DOA/OER	RR	N/A	\$25.0	\$16.7	\$12.8	\$8.3	\$3.9

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

**Status:** The FY2024 Budget as Enacted allocated \$20.0 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF), an increase of \$15.0 million from the FY2023 Budget as Enacted, to support a grant program within the Office of Energy Resources to assist homeowners and small business owners in purchasing and installing high-efficiency electric heat pumps.

A total of \$25.0 million in federal ARPA SFRF was allocated to fund grants for low and moderate-income households and community organizations to purchase and install energy efficient electric heat pumps, of which \$5.0 million was appropriated in FY2023. The original plan was to disburse the balance in equal amounts in FY2024 and FY2025. However, the Budget advanced the amount scheduled for disbursement in FY2025 to FY2024, thereby appropriating the full allocation for electric heat pumps.

The Clean Heat RI Program administered by Abode Energy Management, an energy management firm. The program launched on September 5, 2023. OER posts results on a website dashboard (i.e.: number of applications approved, geographic distribution of the grants awarded) on a monthly basis that began in October 2023. The project's expenditures are \$12.4 million through October 31, 2024.

Incentive Type	Paid		Reserved	
Residential	3,012	\$8,084,336	404	\$1,127,935
Income Eligible	126	2,143,764	64	1,174,890
Commercial	114	2,152,260	63	1,423,890
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,252</b>	<b>\$12,380,360</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>\$3,726,715</b>

*Source: Clean Heat RI Statistics*

As of October 2024, the program has issued 3,252 residential, income eligible, and commercial rebate payments totaling \$12.4 million and 531 applications in reserve (projects in design phase but the rebate has not yet been issued) with a total rebate estimate of \$3.7 million. The project's expected completion date is approximately June 2026, and it is currently on track to meet all U.S. Treasury deadlines.

### RIPTA R-Line Free Service Pilot

The R-Line Free Service Pilot project provided the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) \$3.3 million to fund free fare service on the R-Line bus route to all passengers from September 2022 through September 2023. The R-Line is RIPTA's most utilized route and provides transportation from Broad Street in Providence to the Transit Center in Pawtucket. The pilot was originally intended to conclude in August of 2023 but RIPTA extended the program an additional month. RIPTA tracked ridership data and submitted a report to General Assembly Leadership and the Governor in March of 2024.



Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
R-Line Free Service Pilot	DOT/RIPTA	RR	N/A	\$3.3	\$3.3	\$3.3	\$0.0	\$0.0

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

**Status:** The R-Line Free Service Pilot concluded on September 30, 2023, and was marked completed by the Pandemic Recovery Office on January 2, 2024. The Authority submitted a report to the Governor and General Assembly Leadership that outlined the pilot’s results and analyzed the ridership data. The report indicates that ridership increased for both the fixed-route and paratransit services, noting that “waiving R-Line fares encouraged riders to ride more often, take shorter trips, and favor the R-Line over other nearby routes. In terms of attracting new riders away from other modes such as driving, however, gains were limited.” Additionally, the Authority indicates that had riders of the R-Line paid full fares during the pilot, it would have resulted in an additional \$5.1 million in fare revenue. The following table illustrates the project’s key performance indicators:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Return to pre-pandemic ridership levels on the fixed route R-Line.	1.2	2.5	2.6
Increase ridership by 48% from pandemic level.	1.2	1.8	2.6

Figures represent millions of rides

**South Quay Marine Terminal**

The SFRF-funded South Quay Marine Terminal initiative was intended to support the development of an integrated and centralized hub of intermodal shipping designed to support the offshore wind industry along memorial parkway in the East Providence waterfront special development district.

The initiative was allotted \$12.0 million in SFRF in FY2023, and \$35.0 million in total through FY2024, to help finance the build-out of the new port facilities at South Quay.

**Status:** The project was unsuccessful in meeting statutory deadlines and matching funds. The General Assembly defunded the project in its entirety in the FY2024 Final Budget. Historical information on the project’s evolution may be found in previous quarterly reports.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	PRO Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
South Quay Marine Terminal	EOC	RR	X	\$35.0	-	-	\$35.0	-

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

**ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

There are 5 statutorily authorized project categories related to economic and workforce development, totaling \$90.0 million in SFRF. None of these have been identified by the PRO as being at risk of underspending.

Project/Program	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total Appropriations
Bioscience Investments	-	45.0	-	-	\$45.0
Enhanced Real Jobs	-	-	9.6	20.4	30.0
RI Reconnects	-	-	8.0	-	8.0
Fresh Start Scholarship	-	-	5.0	-	5.0
Institute for Cybersecurity	-	-	2.0	-	2.0
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$45.0</b>	<b>\$24.6</b>	<b>\$20.4</b>	<b>\$90.0</b>

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

### **Bioscience Investments**

The SFRF-funded Bioscience Investments initiative is intended to support and grow the biosciences industry in Rhode Island through the establishment of a Life Sciences Hub and a dedicated fund. This support also includes the development of at least one wet lab incubator space in collaboration with industry partners; the creation of a fund that will support wrap-around services to aid in the commercialization of technology and business development, growth of the biosciences talent pipeline, and support for staff to implement the bioscience investments initiative.

To facilitate these initiatives, the FY2024 Budget as Enacted established the Rhode Island Life Sciences Hub (RILSH) as a new quasi-public corporate entity for the purposes of coordinating state investment and strategy around the life sciences industry sector. It also created the Rhode Island Life Sciences Investment Fund within the Hub for the purpose of making investments, grants, loans, research and other funding in life science initiatives.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Bioscience Investments	EOC	RR	N/A	\$45.0	\$2.0	\$1.0	\$43.0	\$1.0

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

**Status:** According to the RILSH, its board has been fully in place and meeting monthly, with special meetings as needed since January 2024. An Interim President and Vice President were hired in July 2024. A permanent CEO will be in place January 2025 following RI Senate Advice and Consent. The hiring of Grant Manager, Office Manager, and Business Development positions are in progress.

The RILSH conducted an Inaugural Summit in May 2024 with 400+ attendees, including state leadership, invited officials, university faculty and scientists, and regional life science partners in attendance. Working groups for attendees included sessions on workforce development, life science infrastructure, access to capital, and tech transfer.

Vendors have been engaged for various required services including public relations/communications, legal, auditing, human resources, incubator project management and developer, IT, and insurance. RILSH also successfully completed and submitted its FY2024 Annual Report and Annual Audit to the General Assembly.

The Bioscience Project has \$12.0 million approved by the PRO to support RILSH Start Up Operations (\$2.0 million) and Incubator Development Project (\$10.0 million). RILSH Board has approved \$20.0 million for Business Attraction and Business Grants, with funding and budgets in review with the PRO for approval. The PRO has approved a \$250,000 Small Grant Fund. Small Grant Fund that launched in the spring of 2024 for grants up to \$10K distributed to local academic, non-profit and trade associations for enabling research, industry promotion and initiatives, programming, and events in RI. There have been 26 grants, totaling \$228,000 that have been approved and funded. The RILSH has partnered with Ancora L&G

to develop and operate 30,000 SF Life Science Incubator in partnership with RILSH, Brown University, and the I-195 District.

The RILSH has received approval from the PRO to run a \$5.0 million Business Attraction Grant with Organogenesis (NASDAQ:ORGO) to expand biomanufacturing at 100 Technology, Smithfield, RI. RILSH partnered with RI Commerce, packaging RILSH Grant and Commerce Qualified Jobs and Rebuilt RI Tax Credits.

### **Enhanced Real Jobs**

The Enhanced Real Jobs project builds on the Department of Labor and Training's (DLT) preexisting Real Jobs program, which provides training and placement assistance for job seekers, as well as skills training for incumbent workers, business owners, and other types of participants. Real Jobs is a demand-driven workforce development program that identifies workforce needs from local employers and provides training to unemployed or underemployed workers. The project includes a total of \$30.0 million for DLT to disburse and the largest recipients include Skills for Rhode Island's Future, the University of Rhode Island Research Foundation, Community College of Rhode Island, Amos House, and Genesis Center. Additionally, the initiative provides funding to the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner for supportive services.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Enhanced Real Jobs	DLT	NEI	N/A	\$30.0	\$26.6	\$26.6	\$3.4	\$0.0

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

**Status:** The Enhanced Real Jobs project is currently near the end of implementation, with contracting and training ongoing. As of December 2024, 7,106 participants have enrolled in Enhanced Real Jobs programs, 5,165 of which, have completed a training. The Department notes that the "Most significant challenge lies in the fact that demand for workforce services greatly exceeds available funding. Real Jobs Rhode Island sector partnerships proposed \$49.2 million in training programs; however, inclusive of all funding streams, the Department only had \$16.0 million available to grant for the year."

### **RI Reconnect**

RI Reconnect assists students in addressing barriers to education completion, particularly among communities of color and lower socio-economic strata. These funds support a program to improve postsecondary degree and credential attainment among working-age Rhode Islanders and is administered by the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
RI Reconnect	OPC	RR	N/A	\$8.0	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$6.8	\$0.0

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

### **Status:**

According to the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, application for the RI Reconnect project was approved by the Pandemic Recovery Office on November 21, 2023. The Commission reports a total of \$1.2 million in expenses paid through September 30, 2024, with 697 students served, and 1,288 student barriers addressed.

### **Fresh Start Scholarship**

The Fresh Start Scholarship is an SFRF-funded initiative that will fund a semester of tuition and fees at CCRI in order help adult students who previously received college credits but did not attain a degree. Eligible students must be Rhode Island residents who qualify for in-state tuition, have not earned an associate or bachelor's degree, were not enrolled in any college between Fall 2022- and Spring 2023

semesters, and complete the 2023-2024 FASFA. Students who do not meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress must also complete the appeal process during the first semester.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Fresh Start Scholarship	OPC	RR	N/A	\$5.0	\$2.0	\$2.0	\$3.0	\$0.0

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

**Status:** According to the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, the project is in process. As of September 30, 2024, the Commission provided a total of \$2.0 million to the Community College of Rhode Island. The College is in the process of compiling graduation and retention rates for FY2024, and these are anticipated to be available for the next reporting to the PRO. The project remains on schedule with an estimated completion date of FY2026.

### **Institute for Cybersecurity**

The Institute for Cybersecurity and Emerging Technologies at Rhode Island College will provide certificate, baccalaureate, and master's level courses with focuses on research and developing highly skilled cyber security professionals. This SFRF-funded initiative will provide seed funding for the Institute through the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Institute for Cybersecurity	OPC	RR	N/A	\$2.0	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$1.6	\$0.0

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

**Status:** Rhode Island College has established the Institute for Cybersecurity and Emerging Technologies. As of September 30, 2024, the college has 97 students majoring in cybersecurity, and an additional 27 minoring in the program. The College has an additional six students majoring in artificial intelligence. The College is now offering five courses in cybersecurity and three in artificial intelligence. As of September 30, 2024, there has been approximately \$405,000 in expenditures.

## **PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY**

There are four statutorily authorized project categories related to public infrastructure and technology category, totaling \$73.5 million in SFRF. None of these have been identified by the PRO as being at risk of underspending.

Project/Program	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total Appropriations
Washington Bridge Support	-	-	\$0.0	\$35.0	\$35.0
Municipal Roads Grant Program	-	-	20.0	7.0	27.0
Municipal Public Safety Infrastructure	-	-	11.0	-	11.0
Statewide Broadband Planning and Mapping	0.3	0.2	-	-	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>73.5</b>

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

### **Washington Bridge Support**

The Washington Bridge Support project provides \$35.0 million to the Department of Transportation to partially fund the Washington Bridge reconstruction and related projects. The Department notes that the funding supports the demolition and reconstruction of the bridge as well as the related emergency services

that the State provided. Additionally, the funding will serve as the state match in order to receive additional federal funds.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Washington Bridge Support	DOT	RR	N/A	\$35.0	\$1.4	\$1.4	\$33.6	\$0.0

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

**Status:** The Washington Bridge Support project is currently in the demolition phase. The Department indicates, “The superstructure demolition is expected to be substantially complete by February 21, 2025, and the substructure demolition is expected to be substantially complete by December 2025. Tentative award for the Replacement Project will be in June 2025. The final schedule for the Replacement project will be determined through the proposals submitted by the two teams. However, SFRF funds for match were utilized for all three related Washington Bridge Projects (Emergency Project, Demolition Project and Replacement Project) and will be expended fully by mid to late calendar year 2025.”

**Municipal Roads Grant Program**

The Municipal Roads Grant Program, recently renamed Rhode Restore, provides \$27.0 million to municipalities across a two-year period, to fund road, bridge, and sidewalk repairs on locally maintained, municipal roads. The funding will serve as a 33.0 percent match and participating municipalities are to provide the remaining 67.0 percent. \$20.0 million is allocated for the project’s first year, with \$5.0 million to be divided evenly amongst all municipalities and the remaining \$15.0 million will be disbursed based on the amount of lane miles the municipality maintains. The municipalities of Warwick, Providence, and Cranston contain the largest number of non-federal lane miles of roads and are projected to receive the largest share. The \$7.0 million in the project’s second year is to be divided evenly amongst all participating municipalities. The program requires all projects to be completed by the end of 2026. Additionally, the program includes accountability and transparency measures, such as a quarterly reporting requirement.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Municipal Roads Grant Program	DOT	RR	N/A	\$27.0	\$6.1	\$6.1	\$13.9	\$0.0

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

**Status:** The Municipal Roads Grant Program includes 838 approved and funded projects. The Department estimates that the \$27.0 million directed to the program is projected to be matched with \$86.5 million of municipal funds, resulting in a \$113.5 million for municipal road improvements. The Department indicates that through November of 2024, approximately 520 lane miles of locally maintained roadways and 130,000 linear feet of sidewalks have been repaired and rehabilitated. Bristol, Coventry, Newport, North Providence, Richmond, South Kingstown and West Warwick have all completed their FY2024 projects and received their total reimbursement. The following table illustrates the funding estimates for the project.

Source	FY2024	FY2025	Total Funds
State Fiscal Recovery Funds	\$20.0	\$7.0	\$27.0
Municipal Match	57.6	28.9	86.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$77.6</b>	<b>\$35.9</b>	<b>\$113.5</b>

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

**Municipal Public Safety Infrastructure**

The Municipal Public Safety Infrastructure initiative supports improvements to municipal public safety infrastructure. The FY2024 Budget as Enacted includes \$11.0 million in matching support to cities and towns to make undertake new construction, prioritizing projects based on readiness. The maximum grant

award is \$1.0 million to any municipality, or limited to \$5.0 million for projects that serve a regional purpose.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Municipal Public Safety	DOA	RR	N/A	\$11.0	\$2.4	\$2.4	\$8.6	\$0.0
Infrastructure								

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

**Status:** The Department of Administration (DOA) began accepting grant proposals from municipalities on December 14, 2023, and closed the process on February 2, 2024. A total of 16 communities with 19 projects totaling \$18.9 million was submitted to DOA. An evaluation committee was and reviewed the proposals. On March 15, 2024, DOA announced the award decisions to be made to 9 municipalities.

As of December 4, 2024, a total of \$3.0 million has been issued to the municipalities, which reflects the return of \$1.3 million that was previously awarded to the Town of Gloucester. On August 6, 2024, the voters of Gloucester defeated the bond resolution that would have provided the Town's matching funds for the project.

The State is disbursing the funds in one-third tranches with subsequent disbursements occurring after 80.0 percent of the prior amount received has been spent.

Public Safety Project	Award Amount	FY24 Paid	Date Paid	FY25 Paid	Date Paid	Balance
Smithfield North End Fire Station	\$1,000,000	\$333,334	5/7/2024	\$333,334	12/3/2024	\$333,332
Foster Public Safety Complex - Police Station	1,000,000	333,334	5/7/2024	-		666,666
Narragansett Fire-EMS Station Renovation	952,950	317,650	5/7/2024	-		635,300
South Kingstown Perryville EMS Station	1,000,000	333,334	5/7/2024	-		666,666
Middletown Police Critical Infrastructure Project	462,434	154,145	5/7/2024	-		308,289
North Smithfield Police Department Upgrades	1,000,000	333,334	5/7/2024	-		666,666
City of East Providence Police Department Headquarters Renovations	960,000	320,000	5/7/2024	320,000	12/3/2024	320,000
Gloucester Emergency Operations Center and Police Department Expansion	3,850,000	1,283,334	5/7/2024	(1,283,334)	9/17/2024	3,850,000
PVD Public Safety Complex Renovation - Phase 1 (FY24-FY25)	770,000	256,667	5/7/2024	-		513,333
Single Audit Fee	4,400	-	5/7/2024	-		4,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,999,784</b>	<b>\$3,665,132</b>		<b>(\$630,000)</b>		<b>\$7,964,652</b>

Source: Pandemic Recovery Office and RIFANS

### Statewide Broadband Planning and Mapping

The SFRF-funded Statewide Broadband Planning and Mapping Initiative, based in the Executive Office of Commerce (EOC) supports the development of a statewide broadband strategic plan to provide broadband access to unserved and underserved households and businesses, to support a state broadband director at the Commerce Corporation, and to conduct mapping in support of future state broadband investment.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	PRO Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Statewide Broadband Planning and Mapping	EOC	RR	N/A	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	-	-

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

**Status:** On June 23, 2023, the PRO issued its SFRF [closeout report](#) for Statewide Broadband Planning and Mapping initiative, indicating the expenditure of all funds and met objectives. The following table shows the final key performance indicators for the initiative:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Director of Broadband Strategy hired at RI Commerce	0	1	1
State broadband strategy finalization	0	1	1
First iteration of state broadband map completed	0	1	1
Second iteration of state broadband map completed	0	1	1

These metrics are a yes/no binary indicator with 0 representing "no" and 1 reflecting "yes".

The State’s Broadband and Digital Equity Strategic Plan was submitted to and approved by the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration in January of 2023. EOC has convened its Broadband Advisory Committee quarterly since then and has been working on building state broadband maps, aligned to the State’s RIGIS architecture to ensure compatibility with aligned State efforts.

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

There are six statutorily authorized project categories related to behavioral healthcare, totaling \$59.3 million in SFRF. There is one PRO-designated subproject identified as being at risk of underspending.

Project/Program	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total Appropriations
Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics	-	\$4.9	\$25.1	-	\$30.0
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility	-	2.4	9.6	-	12.0
Butler Hospital Short Term Stay Unit	-	0.6	7.4	-	8.0
9-8-8 Hotline	-	0.2	3.2	1.9	5.4
Crisis Intervention Trainings	-	-	2.2	-	2.2
RITBA: Safety Barriers Study	-	0.1	1.6	-	1.8
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$8.3</b>	<b>\$49.1</b>	<b>\$1.9</b>	<b>\$59.3</b>

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

**Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics**

The SFRF-funded Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics initiative supports certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHCs) to bolster behavioral health supports, medical screening and monitoring, and social services to particularly vulnerable populations in response to a rise in mental health needs during the public health emergency.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics	EOHHS	PH	N/A	\$30.0	\$22.8	\$22.8	\$7.2	\$0.0

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

The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is providing infrastructure development grants to community-based behavioral health and social services providers to recover from the pandemic and comply with federal Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) standards. These grants are supporting CCBHC providers and organizations seeking to become designated collaborating organizations (DCO). Specifically, this funding will be used to:

- Provide infrastructure grants to community-based behavioral health and social services providers to build capacity to operate as CCBHCs (e.g., electronic health records, data and payment/claims systems, staffing and training, capital needs and related infrastructure).

- Equip DCOs (focused on substance use, cultural competency, and related specialties) to participate in service delivery and collaboration with CCBHCs.
- Support the State’s implementation of this initiative through project management, evaluation, technical assistance, and administration.

EOHHS will provide up to \$25.5 million to be split among organizations as follows:

- **CCBHCs**
  - Phase 1: Readiness Assessment – Estimated \$300,000 per grantee, provided upon award
  - Phase 2: Capacity Development/Planning Collaboration Participation – If selected, estimated \$760,000 per grantee based on funding request developed and submitted in Phase 1. Funds to be distributed upon completion of specified milestones, contingent on documented participation in the Rhode Island Executive Behavioral Health Interagency Collaborative planning collaborative.
  - Phase 3: Activities include start-up operational costs and the development of relevant memoranda of understanding (MOUs), contracts, and partnership agreements. (Funding based on remaining grant dollars and EOHHS’ state budget for these activities). Since opening in October 2024, the grant dollars have been used primarily for staff recruitment and retention.
- **DCO Providing Other CCBHC Services**
  - Phase 1: Readiness Assessment – Estimated \$30,000 per grantee, provided upon award.
  - Phase 2: Capacity Development/Planning Collaboration Participation – If selected, estimated \$370,000 per grantee based on funding request developed and submitted in Phase 1. Funds to be distributed upon completion of milestones.
  - Phase 3: Activities include start-up operational costs and the development of relevant MOUs, contracts, and partnership agreements. (Funding based on remaining grant dollars and EOHHS’ state budget for these activities).

The total amount and number of awards distributed will be determined by the number of qualified applicants. EOHHS projects the following number of awards by entity type for Phase 1: up to 10 CCBHCs and up to 22 DCOs offering other CCBHC services.

**Status:** The CCBHC Interagency Team (EOHHS/Medicaid, BHDDH, and DYCF) has certified eight CCBHC sites that went live on October 1, 2024. Each provider demonstrated the ability to meet all readiness criteria (e.g., satisfaction of all Federal and State certification standards; completion of Cost Report process and security of final CMS and State approved PPS rates; implementation of requisite billing systems and processes; and successful execution of MCO contracts). The eight eligible clinics are as follows:

- Community Care Alliance;
- Family Service of Rhode Island;
- Gateway Healthcare Pawtucket;
- Gateway Healthcare Johnston;
- Gateway Healthcare South County;
- Newport Mental Health;
- The Providence Center; and
- Thrive Behavioral Health.

In Phase I and Phase 2, EOHHS funded 10 CCBHC providers and 20 DCOs with a total budget of almost \$18.6 million. In Phase 3, EOHHS granted \$650,000 for each CCBHC and \$45,000 for each DCO for an additional \$5.8 million and a total of \$26.0 million, including \$24.4 million in SFRF funds and \$1.6 million



in Home and Community-Based Services Enhanced Federal Match (HCBS E-FMAP) funds. Since opening in October 2024, the CCBHCs have primarily used the Phase 3 grant funds for staff recruitment and retention. DCOs are focused on updating electronic health record systems, community engagement, hiring, and marketing new programs. As of October 31, 2024, \$24.8 million has been spent, including \$21.7 million in direct grants to the CCBHCs and DCOS, \$1.1 million in internal administrative expenses, and \$2.1 million in Technical Assistance and Program Development. At least one additional clinic is expected to come online in Program Year 2, beginning on October 1, 2025.

As directed by the General Assembly through the FY2023 Budget as Enacted, the CCBHC Interagency Team applied to join the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Demonstration Project. The Team submitted the application in March 2024. In June 2024, EOHHS was notified that the CCBHC project received demonstration status and, consequently, will receive an enhanced federal Medicaid match (e-FMAP) for services provided.

### **Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility**

This program provides funding to expand existing in-state provider Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility capacity to provide intensive residential treatment options for adolescent girls and young women who face severe and complex behavioral health challenges. Of the funding, \$11.0 million is allocated for the expansion of a current psychiatric residential facility and \$1.0 million is allocated for the initial stage of the design and construction of a new step-down facility.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility	DCYF	RR	I	\$11.0	\$1.7	\$1.7	\$9.3	\$0.0
Female Youth Residential Facility Design	DOA	RR	N/A	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$12.0</b>	<b>\$2.7</b>	<b>\$2.7</b>	<b>\$9.3</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>

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

### **Status:**

- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility:** The Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) initially announced a signed agreement for the expansion of services with St. Mary's Home for Children, the only existing licensed PRTF in the State, on February 9, 2023. The expansion was set to consist of the construction and operation of an additional 12-bed facility on the St. Mary's Campus in North Providence, bringing their total capacity to 26. The project is designated as an "at risk" project by the PRO due to lower than planned expenditures. To date the project has reached 17.0 percent of planned expenditures, the equivalent of a Level I risk according to the PRO's previous risk level monitoring system. As of June 14, 2024, this project has been paused following the issuance of a letter from the Division of Purchases requiring St. Mary's to cease work and \$644,724 in unexpended funds was returned to the state. All children were transitioned out of St. Mary's and as of the end of June 2024 no children remain in its facilities due to significant performance issues.
- Female Youth Residential Facility Design:** Groundbreaking for a new residential facility for female youth with behavioral health needs took place on August 13, 2024. The project is considered completed as of September 18, 2024, and a [closeout report](#) was issued on October 1, 2024. Funds were used for design and architectural planning costs for the new facility. The key performance indicators for the project are:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Completion of programming, schematic, and preliminary design documents	-	1	1
Construction of female youth residential facility begins	-	1	1

*These are yes/no binary indicators with 0 representing "no" and 1 reflecting "yes".*

### **Butler Hospital Short Term Stay Unit**

The Butler Hospital Short Term Stay Unit initiative supports the construction of a 25-bed short stay unit at Butler Hospital to provide behavioral health care services, crisis intervention and other related services, and is based on the success of a similar model of care at Butler Hospital, the 24-bed Brief Stay Unit. That unit opened in January 2022 to address the overwhelming number of patients experiencing a mental health crisis that were boarding in emergency departments. Within three weeks of opening, the average daily census at Butler Hospital rose from 147.5 to 169.3. Patients were taken from emergency departments across the State. The census did not reach full capacity due to limitations imposed by the physical space (converted conference center), preventing high-acuity patients from being admitted despite referrals from medical emergency departments. This would not be the case with a purpose-built behavioral health unit.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Butler Hospital Short Term Stay Unit	EOHHS	PH	N/A	\$8.0	\$8.0	\$8.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

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

**Status:** Construction of the Short-Term-Stay Unit began the week of September 18, 2023. Two pods opened on July 1, 2024 with a capacity of 18 patients. A third pod opened on August 17, 2024, that can be used for COVID positive patients if needed. The average daily census from July to September ranged from 16.6 (499 patient days) to 24.5 (735 patient days). As of October 31, 2024, the project had actual expenditures of \$8.0 million.

### **9-8-8 Hotline**

The 9-8-8 Hotline program establishes and implements a fulltime communications behavioral health crisis hotline. The project would help Rhode Island maintain compliance with the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 and the Federal Communications Commission adopted rules to assure that all citizens receive a consistent level of 9-8-8 and crisis behavioral health services.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
9-8-8 Hotline	BHDDH	PH	N/A	\$5.4	\$1.8	\$1.8	\$3.5	\$0.0

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

**Status:** The transition to the 9-8-8 Hotline was successfully made in July 2022 and the hotline is operated out of BH Link, the state's 24/7 behavioral health center. The hotline received an average of more than 800 calls per month from September 2023 through September 2024, with an average in-state answer rate of 99 percent, one of the highest call answer rates in the country. Although call rates are high, the center continues to experience staffing shortages with 17 out of the 22 crisis counselor positions filled, limiting text/chat services. The project began utilizing SFRF funds in the fall of 2023, but continues to search for permanent funding to support the hotline after the SFRF project is completed.

### **Crisis Intervention Trainings**

The Crisis Intervention Trainings initiative provides a total of \$2.2 million to respond to the increased volume of mental-health related calls reported by police departments by providing training every three years for law enforcement as well as continuing education opportunities.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
Crisis Intervention Trainings	BHDDH	RR	N/A	\$2.2	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$1.6	\$0.0

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

**Status:** Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Academies have been taking place on a quarterly basis since the start of the funding. In addition to officers, a number of behavioral health professionals, EMTs, criminal justice professionals, and others also attended these academies. CIT Academies were held in April and June of 2024, with a total of 48 officers becoming certified. An additional academy was scheduled for October and exceeded capacity. Following a request in July 2023, Thundermist Health Center developed an 8-hour training covering mental health basics and de-escalation techniques. The 8-hour training was implemented at the Department of Corrections in October 2023, and as part of the training academies in November 2023. 167 cadets have completed the 8-hour training. As of April 1, 2024, the contract with Thundermist had been amended to extend for another year, with Academies planned to continue quarterly and 8-hour trainings as needed through the time when project funds are exhausted.

**RITBA: Safety Barriers Study**

The RITBA: Safety Barrier Study project provides \$1.8 million to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (RITBA) to conduct a feasibility study to identify and evaluate options that will prevent and address the risk of suicide on the 4 major bridges in the State. The FY2023 Budget as Enacted provided \$1.0 million for a study for the Mt. Hope and Jamestown-Verrazano bridges, which began in January of 2023. FY2024 Budget as Enacted provided an additional \$750,000 to expand the study’s scope to include the Claiborne Pell and Sakonnet River Bridge.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
RITBA: Safety Barriers Study	DOT/RITBA	RR	N/A	\$1.8	\$1.1	\$1.1	\$0.6	\$0.0

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

**Status:** The initial study concerning the Mt. Hope and Jamestown Verrazano bridges was delivered in June of 2024 and the second study is projected to be delivered by February 2025. RITBA selected Atkins North America, LLC, as a consultant to conduct the Mt. Hope and Jamestown-Verrazano bridges at the November 2022 Board Meeting and expanded the consultant’s scope to include the Claiborne Pell and Sakonnet River bridges at the August 2023 Board Meeting.

**OPERATIONAL SHORTFALL**

There are two statutorily authorized project categories related to the operational shortfall category, totaling \$35.0 million in SFRF.

Project/Program	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total Appropriations
DOC: Personnel and Operating Support	-	\$0.0	\$20.0	-	\$20.0
RIPTA Operating Grant	-	-	-	15.0	15.0
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$20.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>\$35.0</b>

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

**Department of Corrections: Personnel and Operating Support**

The Department of Corrections: Personnel and Operating Support project provides \$20.0 million to the DOC to account for the increased personnel and operating costs experienced by the Department due to the

pandemic. The DOC is reforming its recruitment and training efforts in order to to mitigate the effects of the pandemic and adjust to the post-pandemic recruitment situation.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
DOC: Personnel & Operating Support	DOC	RR	N/A	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$20.0	-	

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

**Status:** The Department of Corrections: Personnel and Operating Support project was marked completed by the Pandemic Recovery Office on September 30, 2024 and \$20.0 million was transferred to the Department of Corrections in June of 2024. The Department notes, “Our SFRF funding was used to address the increase in personnel and operating expenses for the Department as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds allowed for the Department to cover overtime expenses for essential posts that needed to be filled for our day-to-day functioning. Correctional officer classes are required annually to address attrition and an aging workforce. Prior to the start of the pandemic, the Department had classes graduate between 40 and 60 recruits. The two classes that graduated in FY 2024 had 13 and 15 recruits, representing a significant decrease in correctional officer class size. The result of correctional officer retirements and class sizes being smaller than usual was additional posts being filled using overtime. These funds were all expended in FY 2024 and the project is complete. The benchmark used for the success of the project was measured as such-- does the addition of these funds move the Department into a surplus rather than a deficit at the end of FY 2024? As all funds were allocated and spent in FY 2024 and we ended in a surplus, this goal was achieved.” The following table illustrates the project’s key performance indicators:

Metric	Baseline	Goal	Actual
Journal submitted in RIFANS accounting system to charge DOC general revenue expenses to SFRF.*	0	1	1
DOC operating budget into surplus.* ^	0	1	1

\* These are yes/no binary indicators with 0 representing "no" and 1 reflecting "yes".

^ The State FY2024 Preliminary Unaudited Closing Statements indicate that the DOC ended FY2024 with a \$12.3 million surplus, which includes the \$20.0 million in SFRF. Without the \$20 million in SFRF, the Department would have ended FY2024 with a \$7.6 million deficit.

### **RIPTA Operating Grant**

The RIPTA Operating Grant project provides \$15.0 million to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) to assist in partially resolving the Authority’s projected budgetary shortfall. RIPTA’s FY2024-FY2029 Financial Plan, released in November of 2024, indicates an \$18.1 million deficit for FY2025.

Project/Program	Agency	Treasury Category	Risk Level	Total Approps.	Total Transfers	Total Expenses	Remaining Approps.	Unexpended Transfers
RIPTA Operating Grant	RIPTA	RR	N/A	\$15.0	15.0	15.0	-	-

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

**Status:** The RIPTA Operating Grant project is ongoing and the Authority received \$15.0 million in August of 2024. The Authority projects that “The funds will ensure a balanced budget through nearly the first two quarters of the fiscal year. At that time, the remaining COVID relief funding will then be utilized to close out the fiscal year. The Authority set a goal of working to improve overall operational efficiency and effectiveness during this time. Under the guidance of our Board of Directors, we implemented several workforce development measures including higher starting wages to be more competitive and attract vehicle operators, as well as new training programs to help remove barriers to employment such as CDL permit training and CDL training. We are now looking at other potential training programs to create more opportunities for employees and to ensure they have the knowledge and skillset to successfully perform their duties... While growing the workforce was the preferable option compared to reducing service, we anticipated several challenging months while we moved applicants through the pipeline. However,

spreading that lost service across routes with higher frequency was preferable to eliminating routes altogether. We knew that it would be a difficult summer but believed that we could be in a significantly better place position by September. Over 1,700 trips were lost in July and August, but only 76 trips were lost in September, 14 in October, and just 1 in November. October’s numbers are the best in over four years. These efforts will result in better, more reliable service”

**ADMINISTRATION**

There is one statutorily authorized project category related to administration, totaling \$21.0 million in SFRF. This funds the Pandemic Recovery Office.

	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>Total</b>
Appropriation: SFRF	\$6.1	\$3.8	\$4.1	\$1.3	\$15.4
Appropriation: CPF	-	0.3	4.8	0.5	5.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6.1</b>	<b>\$4.1</b>	<b>\$8.9</b>	<b>\$1.8</b>	<b>\$21.0</b>

*\$ in millions*

*Analyst Note: The FY2025 Budget as Enacted amount is \$484,149 for CPF. However, the State’s RIFANS accounting system lists the FY2025 appropriation as \$4.1 million, which includes the reappropriation of unspent funds from FY2024 to FY2025.*

**Pandemic Recovery Office**

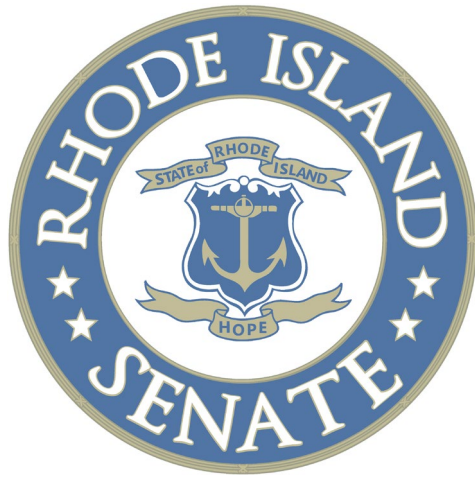
The Pandemic Recovery Office (PRO), established in the Department of Administration, serves as the central office for policy coordination and compliance for federal COVID-19 stimulus funds. This includes funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and the Capital Projects Fund (CPF). A portion of Rhode Island’s State Fiscal Recovery Funds and Capital Project Funds are available to support the overall administration and compliance work that the PRO is responsible for.

<b>Project/Program</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Treasury Category</b>	<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Total Approps.</b>	<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>Remaining Approps.</b>	<b>Unexpended Transfers</b>
Pandemic Recovery Office	DOA	Admin	N/A	\$15.4	\$12.4	\$12.4	\$2.9	\$0.0

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

**Status:** Since FY2022, the Pandemic Recovery Office has received total appropriations of \$15.4 million and has expended \$12.4 million on SFRF administration through October 31, 2024. The project’s expected completion date is April 2027.





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**SUMMARY TABLE**

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## STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Project	Category	Agency	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Total
9-8-8 Hotline	Behavioral Health	BHDDH	-	\$238,584	\$3,236,417	\$1,875,000	\$5,350,001
Adult Education Providers	Children, Families, and Education	RIDE	-	-	4,872,178	127,822	5,000,000
Affordable Housing Predevelopment Program	Housing	Housing	-	2,500,000	7,500,000	-	10,000,000
Aid to the Convention Center	Aid to Small Business and Impacted Industry	Administration	-	10,000,000	-	-	10,000,000
Assistance to Impacted Industries	Aid to Small Business and Impacted Industry	Commerce	8,199,001	4,801,001	-	2,000,000	15,000,002
Auto-Enrollment Program	Public Health	Administration	-	337,478	1,276,590	-	1,614,068
Bioscience Investments	Economic and Workforce Development	Commerce	-	45,000,000	-	-	45,000,000
Butler Hospital Short Term Stay Unit	Behavioral Health	EOHHS	-	600,180	7,399,820	-	8,000,000
Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics	Behavioral Health	EOHHS	-	4,903,959	25,095,405	-	29,999,364
Child Care Support	Children, Families, and Education	Human Services	12,669,244	9,804,337	19,526,420	-	42,000,001
Community Learning Center Programming Support Grant	Children, Families, and Education	Administration	-	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
COVID-19 Operational Support	Public Health	Health	-	-	32,197,083	-	32,197,083
Crisis Intervention Trainings	Behavioral Health	BHDDH	-	-	2,200,000	-	2,200,000
Destination Marketing	Aid to Small Business and Impacted Industry	Commerce	-	899,632	2,100,368	-	3,000,000
Development of Affordable Housing	Housing	Housing	14,740,825	-	85,259,175	-	100,000,000
Down Payment Assistance	Housing	Housing	-	10,000,000	20,000,000	-	30,000,000
Early Intervention Recovery	Children, Families, and Education	EOHHS	4,051,215	5,498,785	1,450,000	-	11,000,000
Electric Heat Pump Grant Program	Climate	Administration	-	-	25,000,000	-	25,000,000
Enhanced Real Jobs	Economic and Workforce Development	Labor and Training	-	-	9,605,558	20,394,442	30,000,000
Foster Care Youth Scholarships	Children, Families, and Education	DCYF	-	-	-	1,021,859	1,021,859
Foster Home Lead Abatement & Fire Safety	Children, Families, and Education	DCYF	-	-	-	-	-
Health Care Facilities	Public Health	Administration	-	77,500,000	-	10,000,000	87,500,000
Home Repair and Community Revitalization	Housing	Housing	-	15,000,000	9,500,000	-	24,500,000
Homelessness Assistance Program	Housing	Housing	-	5,557,605	15,942,397	17,300,000	38,800,002
Homelessness Infrastructure	Housing	Housing	-	3,714,912	41,285,088	-	45,000,000
Housing Related Infrastructure	Housing	Housing	-	-	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
Minority Business Accelerator	Aid to Small Business and Impacted Industry	Commerce	-	1,000,061	4,999,940	-	6,000,001
Municipal Homeless Support	Housing	Housing	-	-	2,200,000	-	2,200,000
Municipal Planning	Housing	Housing	-	-	2,300,000	-	2,300,000
Municipal Public Safety Infrastructure	Public Infrastructure and Technology	Administration	-	-	11,000,000	-	11,000,000
Municipal Roads Grant Program	Public Infrastructure and Technology	Transportation	-	-	20,000,000	7,000,000	27,000,000
Nonprofit Assistance	Children, Families, and Education	Administration	-	20,000,001	-	-	20,000,001
Ongoing COVID-19 Response	Public Health	Administration	-	-	-	-	-
OPC - RIC Cyber Center	Economic and Workforce Development	OPC- RIC	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000
OPC- CCRI Fresh Start	Economic and Workforce Development	OPC-CCRI	-	-	5,000,000	-	5,000,000
Operational Support - Department of Corrections	Operational Shortfall	DOC	-	-	20,000,000	-	20,000,000
Operational Support - RIPTA	Operational Shortfall	RIPTA	-	-	-	15,000,000	15,000,000
Out-of-School Time Education Providers	Children, Families, and Education	RIDE	-	-	4,000,000	-	4,000,000
Pandemic Recovery Office	Administration	Administration	6,093,604	3,800,862	4,132,051	1,345,998	15,372,515
Pediatric Recovery	Children, Families, and Education	EOHHS	5,965,100	5,336,892	3,698,010	-	15,000,002
Port of Davisville	Climate	QDC	-	6,000,000	59,000,000	-	65,000,000
Predevelopment and Capacity Building	Housing	Housing	78,609	531,660	889,731	-	1,500,000
Preservation of Affordable Housing Units	Housing	Housing	-	-	500,000	-	500,000
Proactive Housing Development	Housing	Housing	-	-	1,400,000	-	1,400,000
Provider Workforce Stabilization	Children, Families, and Education	DCYF	6,827,797	7,814,660	8,278,311	1,200,000	24,120,768
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility	Behavioral Health	DCYF	-	2,425,447	9,574,553	-	12,000,000
Public Health Clinics	Public Health	Health	-	279,882	3,720,118	-	4,000,000
Public Health Response Warehouse Support	Public Health	Administration	-	380,993	3,019,007	778,347	4,178,347
RI Community Food Bank	Children, Families, and Education	Human Services	-	-	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
RI Reconnects	Economic and Workforce Development	OPC	-	-	8,000,000	-	8,000,000
RIPTA R-Line Free Service Pilot	Climate	Transportation	-	2,500,000	750,000	-	3,250,000
Site Acquisition	Housing	Housing	6,000,000	9,000,000	10,000,000	-	25,000,000
Small Business Assistance	Aid to Small Business and Impacted Industry	Commerce	18,414,433	10,997,715	1,887,852	-	31,300,000
South Quay Marine Terminal	Climate	Commerce	-	-	-	-	-
Statewide Broadband Planning and Mapping	Public Infrastructure and Technology	Commerce	269,200	230,800	-	-	500,000
Statewide Housing Plan	Housing	Housing	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000
Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence	Children, Families, and Education	Public Safety	-	-	500,000	10,000,000	10,500,000
Targeted Housing Development	Housing	Housing	-	-	26,000,000	-	26,000,000
Turnpike and Bridge Authority – Safety Barriers Study	Behavioral Health	Transportation	-	134,808	1,615,192	-	1,750,000
Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Contribution	Aid to Small Business and Impacted Industry	Labor and Training	-	100,000,000	-	-	100,000,000
URI- PFAS	Children, Families, and Education	URI	-	-	-	-	-
Washington Bridge Support	Public Infrastructure and Technology	Transportation	-	-	-	35,000,000	35,000,000
Workforce Housing	Housing	Housing	-	-	20,000,000	-	20,000,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$83,309,028</b>	<b>\$366,790,254</b>	<b>\$555,911,264</b>	<b>\$125,043,468</b>	<b>\$1,131,054,014</b>

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