



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

CONSULTANT TEAM

2023 EERMC Budget Considerations

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3rd Party Implementation RFP Oversight

Governor McKee's budget proposal includes a request that OER work in coordination with the EERMC to issue an RFP no later than March 31, 2023

Council would need to coordinate with OER to evaluate proposals and determine if 3rd Party Implementation is in the best interest of RI energy consumers

Council should consider setting aside a small allocation of funds for its role in this process



Incremental Cost of a 3-Year Plan Year

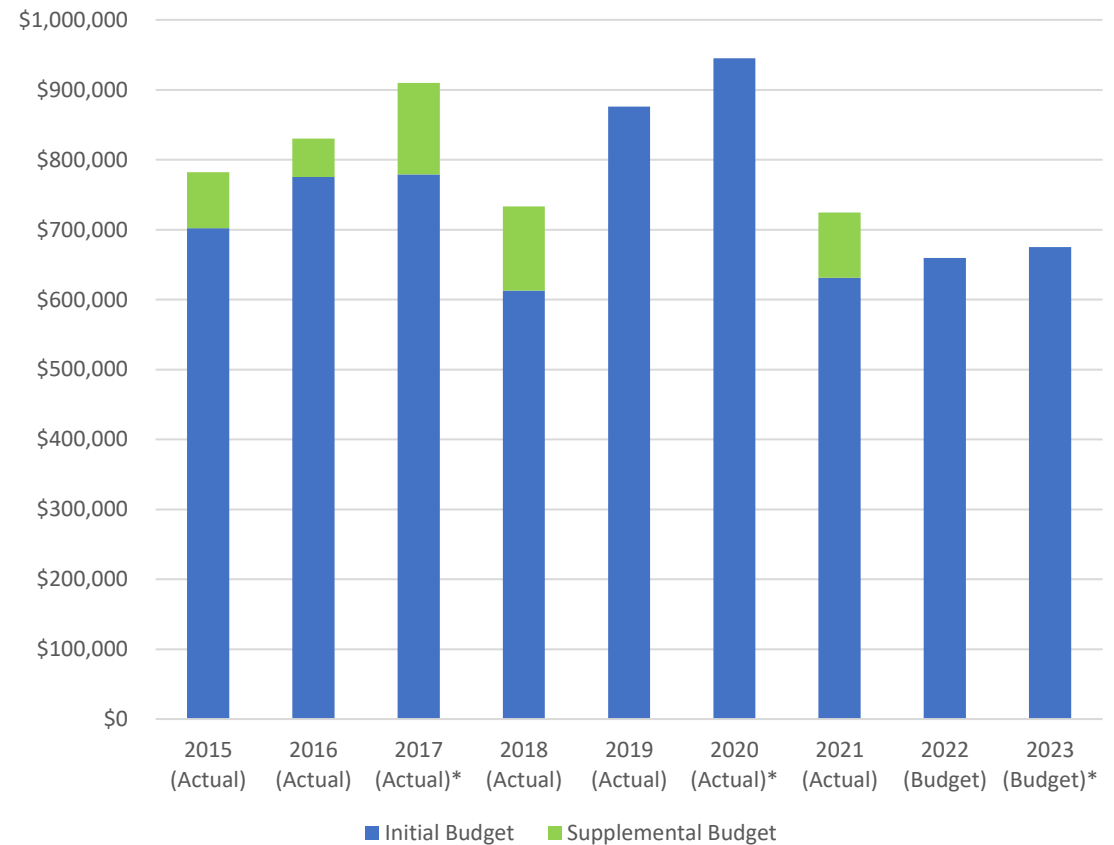
2023 includes the finalization of 3-Year Targets, and development of a 3-Year Plan and an Annual Plan

These years historically require more hours and budget than preceding years

Last two 3-Year Plan years have averaged ~9% greater budgets compared to previous year

Current budget level included in draft budget for 2023 is ~2% higher than 2022 budget

EERMC Consultant Actual and Budget



*Denotes Three-Year Plan Year



Enhanced Public Education

Allocate funding for an EE and Climate public awareness campaign

Would promote public awareness of energy efficiency programs, their benefits, and their foundational role in climate mitigation and achieving state clean energy goals

Work could be delivered through the continuation of the Mike Guerard Energy Fellow who could work in coordination with the Education Working Group



Market Based Solutions Study

EE activities need to scale up to support state decarbonization and clean electricity goals

Incentive-based programs, while well-established, can be limited if tolerance for the increased direct cost to support aggressive scaling is not there

Market-based solutions could be an effective way for the EERMC to support increased EE uptake **without** a proportional impact on EE program budgets

Council could commission a study to survey the current landscape of market-based EE solutions to help identify recommendations specific to RI that could be utilized in the upcoming years



Next Steps

Council to provide feedback on any of these areas that it would like to explore further for inclusion in the 2023 Budget

C-Team will coordinate with OER to prepare cost estimates for any areas selected for further exploration

Final proposed budget inclusive of estimates for additional areas to be presented and voted on at the July 21st Council meeting



Council Member Discussion

