



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

CONSULTANT TEAM

2024 EERMC Budget Discussion

Presented By: EERMC Consultant Team

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Outline

Budget Planning Process Refresher

Review Proposed 2023 Budget

Draft 2024 Budget

Discussion & Next Steps



BUDGET PLANNING PROCESS REFRESHER

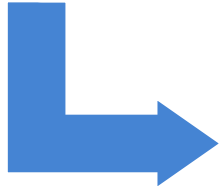




2024 Budget Planning Timeline

May
2023

- Begin discussion of 2024 budget categories at full Council meeting



June
2023

- OER will develop a proposed budget based on Council priorities and discussion
- Draft budget presented to full Council for feedback



July
2023

- Presentation and vote on the 2024 budget at the full Council meeting



August
2023

- 2024 EERMC budget submitted to utility for plan filing



2023 BUDGET UPDATE





2023 Budget, As Approved By EERMC

Budget Category	CY 2023 Allocated
Consultant Services	\$717,025.00
Legal Counsel	\$75,000.00
Annual Report Printing & Distribution	\$3,000.00
Council Travel and Education and Advancement	\$900.00
Public Education	\$115,024.14
<i>2023 Farm Energy Fellow</i>	\$7,500.00
<i>Public Forum & Lecture Series</i>	\$47,524.14
<i>K-12 Energy Education</i>	\$25,000.00
<i>EE and Climate Awareness Campaign</i>	\$35,000.00
2023 Energy Expo	\$40,000.00
EERMC Website	\$350.00
Potential Study Data Refresh	\$45,000.00
Market-Based Solutions Study	\$70,000.00
Council Branding and Comms Development	\$30,000.00
Total	\$1,096,299.14

Currently do not expect the Council's statutory budget cap to be at the current level next year

Consequently, we present the Council budget *as approved by the EERMC* in July of 2022 as the reference point

Significant return of unspent ratepayer funds was a key 1-time driver of the binding cap for this year



DRAFT 2024 BUDGET





Draft 2024 Budget

Budget Category	Dollar Amount
Consultant Services	\$717,025
3rd Party EE RFP Support	\$100,000
Legal Counsel	\$75,000
Annual Report Printing & Distribution	\$3,000
Council Travel and Education and Advancement	\$900
Public Education	\$142,525
<i>2024 Farm Energy Fellow</i>	\$7,500
<i>Public Forum & Lecture Series</i>	\$25,025
<i>K-12 Energy Education</i>	\$25,000
<i>EE and Climate Awareness Campaign</i>	\$85,000
2024 Energy Expo	\$40,000
EERMC Website	\$350
Total	\$1,078,800

Items removed from 2023 Budget on Prior Slide:

- Potential Study Data Refresh
- Market-Based Solutions Study

Items added for 2024 per Council Request at May EERMC Meeting:

- Expanded EE and Climate Awareness Campaign allocation
- EE Implementation RFP Support



EE Implementation RFP Oversight

If approved, Governor McKee's budget proposal would require that OER work in coordination with the EERMC to issue a competitive RFP for EE program implementation.

Council would need to coordinate with OER to draft and issue RFP, evaluate proposals, and onboard a (potentially new) program administrator

Council should consider an appropriate allocation of funds for its role in this process in 2024 and potentially beyond

Cost estimate of ~\$100k based on C-Team's recent experience supporting procurement of Implementation Contractor firms for a utility client in 2020/2021, and a multi-year timeline to a potential implementation transition



EE & Climate Public Awareness Campaign

See Draft RFP posted for Council review later on during this meeting for detailed scope

Upon review / finalization of that RFP, we welcome Council input on dollar amount to use for final budget to be discussed at July EERMC meeting

Goal will be to receive bids in time to inform final Council budget reconciliation in late Fall 2023, as occurred last year

Current dollar amount of ~\$85k reflects Council's direction to increase allocation from 2023 budget level, and will be updated when RFP responses are received and evaluated

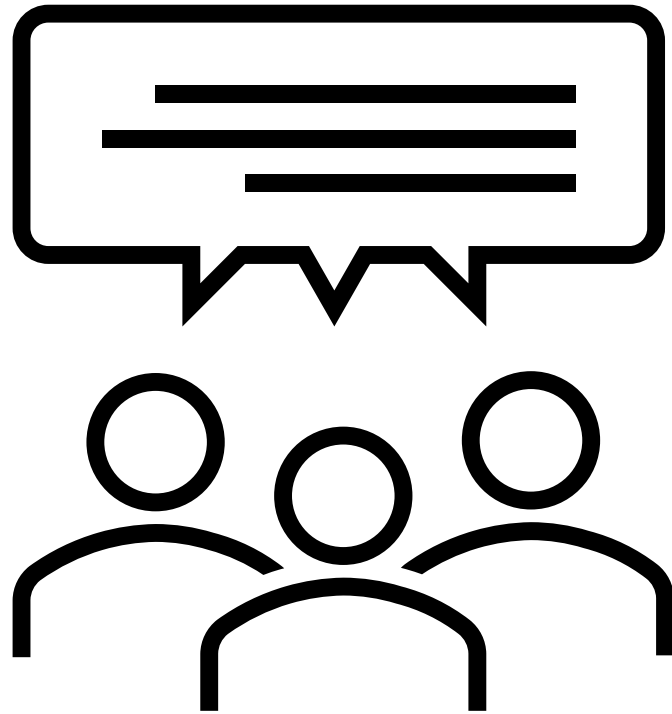


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Council Member Discussion



- Are there areas that the Council wants to consider for possible 2024 budget allocations that were not reviewed?
- Are there areas that we've discussed today the Council does not want to continue to consider in ongoing 2024 budget discussions?
- Are there items in the draft 2024 budget that the Council would like to keep, but modify the current dollar amount?
- Are there areas the Council wants to consider in a multi-year planning context (could be the same or different as your answers to the two questions above)?