

In collaboration with state stakeholders, we commit to ensuring all Rhode Islanders have access to a high-quality, post-secondary education that drives social mobility and economic prosperity. To meet the needs of our current and future students, RIC will expand and accelerate flexible degree offerings to include nights, weekends, online and hybrid learning.



WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR...

\$58.1M FY22 GENERAL REVENUE REQUEST

WITH YOUR SUPPORT RIC CAN...

...PROVIDE RHODE ISLANDERS access to an affordable, high quality 4-year college degree through flexible learning options.

...BETTER SERVE the state's growing diverse student population through affordable models and relatable options.

...AVOID ADDITIONAL LAYOFFS and begin to restore incurred layoffs and vacancies.

...SUPPORT FOR FIRST-GENERATION high school, college age and adult Rhode Island learners by employing academic specialists.

...HIRE SPECIALIZED IT PERSONNEL to build and support online degree and program offerings.

...FULFILL our compact with Rhode Islanders!

WHAT YOU ARE INVESTING IN...



RESTORATION \$2.4M

Reversing personnel cuts to bring back essential staff for on-campus learning



STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE \$2.25M

Investments to expand & accelerate online nights and weekends.



PEOPLE \$6.5M

Commitments to full time faculty and staff with an increase in fixed costs (negotiated contracts).



RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM \$1.25M

Recruitment strategy for early retirement.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ABOUT THE FEDERAL STIMULUS

Can the stimulus funds appropriated in December 2020 be used to supplement the college's operating expenses?

No. The funds received from the federal government included explicit guidelines as to how funding could be used. A portion of funds are directed for student aid and are passed onto students through the college. Other funds must be used for COVID-19 mitigation costs including COVID-19 testing, student emergency aid grants and auxiliary losses to residential housing and dining.

How will student emergency aid grants be used for mitigation expenses?

Financial aid grants will be used to support students impacted by the pandemic. Grants are expected to be provided for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

What are auxiliary losses and why are they being considered as a mitigation expense?

Per the RI Department of Health guidelines, RIC was restricted in the number of students that can live on-campus due to social distancing. Therefore, these lost revenues are seen as a mitigation expense and eligible to be covered by stimulus funding.

How much CARES Act funding does the college still possess?

None. All CARES Act funding was used for mitigation costs and related expenditures.

How much stimulus funding did Rhode Island College receive?

The latest stimulus package, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, provided \$12.1 million to Rhode Island College including \$3.7 million dedicated to direct student aid and \$8.4 million for ongoing mitigation costs for calendar year 2021.

What level of COVID-19 testing is the college planning for?

In accordance with the Center for Disease Control and the RI Department of Health, RIC is conducting weekly testing for all students, faculty and staff that are on campus at least one day per week and/or interface with members of the public. For in person instruction to resume, RIC expects to conduct thousands of tests per week, significantly adding to mitigation costs.

How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted RIC's enrollments?

RIC's year-over-year overall enrollment declined by 459 students or 6.1 percent, namely due to the pandemic. New investments in online, hybrid, and flexible academic offerings will help reverse this trend.