

EC4 Spending Plan Update

Overview

Beginning in fiscal year 2024, funding from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) has been transferred to the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4). To date, a total of \$4,100,000 in RGGI proceeds has been transferred to the EC4.

- FY 2024: \$2,440,000
- FY 2025: \$1,660,000

The EC4 has exclusive authority to direct the use of these funds pursuant to the 2021 Act on Climate (§42-6.2-3.1). The use of funds is outline in a spending plan which is then approved by the EC4. You can view previous spending plans on the state's climate change website or directly via the following links: [FY 24 Plan](#), [FY25 Plan](#).

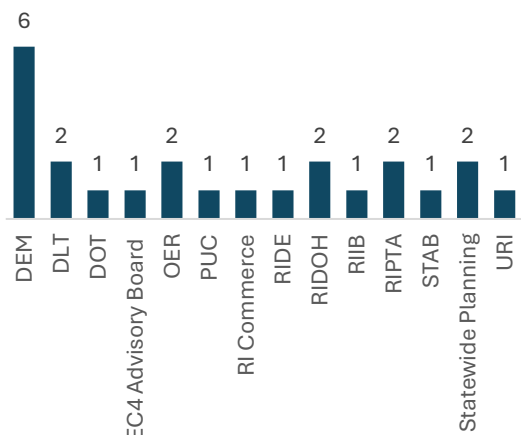
All funding recipients have submitted their report this reporting period.

Funding Analysis

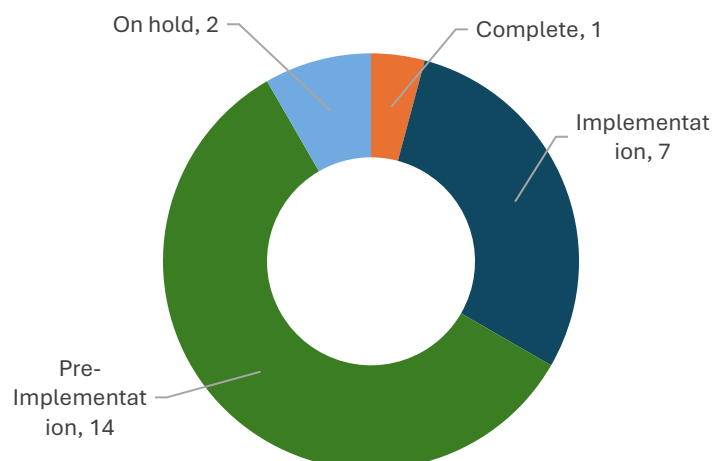
To date, a total of 24 programs have been funded across 10 state agencies, departments, and authorities, as well as through the EC4 Advisory Board and the Science & Technical Advisory Board (STAB). Eight programs have invested funds and one of those programs have been completed. All funds allocated in the FY 25 Spending Plan have yet to be invested. Majority of the programs are in the pre-implementation phase. Of the 14 programs in pre-implementation, 7 programs are expecting to invest funds in the next few months. Two programs at DEM are on hold per a vote from the EC4 in Feb. 2025. These funds are being reserved in case the federal funds being used to fund the Climate Action Strategy are withheld.

Total EC4 Funds	\$4,100,000.00	100%
Total Funds Invested to Date	\$1,585,509.07	39%
Unspent Funds Remaining	\$2,514,490.93	61%

Number of Programs Per Agency



Program by Progress Type



Full Spending Summary

Agency	Program Name	FY Allocated	Total Amount Allocated	Funds Invested to Date	Remaining Funds	Narrative Update
DEM	Investments in urban tree cover and improving growing sites	FY24	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 0.00	Materials have been purchased, delivered and invoiced as of May 2025. Two communities in planning for fall planting: Westerly & East Providence and working on additional communities,
DEM	Rhode Island Climate Resilience Program	FY24	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	Funding to support the CRO was designated toward the hiring of three Regional Resilience Coordinators. All three Coordinators were hired and brought on board as of 6.2.25.
DEM	Consulting support for Lead by Example energy management	FY25	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	Per a vote from the EC4 in Feb. 2025, this money was "held" in case it was needed to fund the 2025 Climate Action Strategy should federal funding (CPRG planning grant) be withheld from the state. This "Contingent Reallocation of EC4 Funding" still stands as of 5/31/25.
DEM	Designing for Resilience	FY25	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	Designing for Resilience pilot (federally funded) is closing out July 22nd. EC4 funded portion will launch at this time.
DEM	Partnering with URI Landscape Architecture Program	FY25	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	Three communities selected: Cumberland, Charlestown & Providence. Initial sites visits and plans initiated. Expect billing to be complete by Oct 2025.
DEM	Purchase of trailer and electric lawn equipment	FY25	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	Per a vote from the EC4 in Feb. 2025, this money was "held" in case it was needed to fund the 2025 Climate Action Strategy should federal funding (CPRG planning grant) be withheld from the state. This "Contingent Reallocation of EC4 Funding" still stands as of 5/31/25.
*DLT	Environmental education and	FY24	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 103,124.00	\$ 46,876.00	<i>*Awaiting further clarity on data before it can be incorporated into this update</i>

	workforce grant program					
*DLT	Small grants for youth career exploration in STEAM	FY24	\$ 170,000.00	\$ -	\$ 170,000.00	<i>*Awaiting further clarity on data before it can be incorporated into this update</i>
DOT	Further refinement of the GHG models in Carbon Reduction Plan	FY25	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	Coordination with Statewide Planning on further refinements of GHG estimates from STIP and LRTP. Preparation of Inventory of Existing and Potential Carbon Reduction Strategies. Working on identification of internal stakeholders for stakeholder workshop.
EC4 Advisory Board	EC4 Advisory Board Consultant Services	FY25	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00	Went through the MPA process to bring consultant on board. Consultant came on board May 2025 so no spend down yet.
OER	EV and E-Bike Incentives programs	FY24	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	The original \$1.1M allocation was spent. We are using other pots of funding before being to draw down the remaining \$150,000 for the e-bike program
OER	Direct Pay operations and maintenance plans	FY25	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	Given the changes in the federal landscape, OER has been waiting to implement this work until there was more clarity on the situation. At current, it appears as Direct Pay will continue to exist as an option for tax exempt entities, so work for this program will resume in the coming months
PUC	Clean Energy and Climate Policy Analyst	FY24, FY25	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 141,762.50	\$ 108,237.50	The analyst continues to support the PUC's awareness of EC4 and other Act-related activity. He is also conducting analysis of the RES exemption under my guidance to help forecast the impact of the 100% RES exemption included in the most recent amendment.
RI Commerce	RI Commerce EC4 Business Outreach	FY24	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	A new position was created at RI Commerce to provide direct outreach and support for the business community and navigate various incentive programs and implement practices to achieve GHG

						reductions and resilience measures. This new position began in February under the title 'Resiliency Manager'.
RIDE	Solar on Schools	FY25	\$ 175,000.00	\$ -	\$ 175,000.00	Identified the school districts through a building systems assessment. The program has launched. A vendor has been selected, awaiting the PO.
RIDOH	Investigation of flooding risk and contamination	FY24	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 35,565.89	\$ 44,434.11	the Environmental Health Risk Assessment Team has selected Providence as a one of the core cities of focus for examining the health risks of localized flash flooding. Collaboration with community organizations will be ongoing. the project continues to utilize flooding data available for Providence, RI and areas around the Woonasquatucket watershed where historic flood events have taken place.
RIDOH	AC Unit Distribution Program	FY25	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	RIDOH is in the process of establishing a purchase order with the American Lung Association and the Providence Housing Authority to acquire and distribute Energy Star- rated air conditioning units. The initial around of spending is expected to take place in June.
RIIB	Energy Asset Management Program	FY24	\$ 150,000.00	\$25,369.20	\$124,630.80	Bristol County Water Authority, the City of Pawtucket, and the City of Newport are navigating the Energy Asset Management Program with Cadmus, supplying RIIB with energy use data for the Bank to establish baseline energy audits of select municipal facilities.
RIPTA	Growing Transit Ridership	FY25	\$ 145,000.00	\$ -	\$ 145,000.00	Preparing to launch project on 7/1/2025
RIPTA	Outreach and Engagement	FY25	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	Preparing to launch project on 9/1/2025
STAB	Consultant Services	FY24	\$ 140,000.00	\$ -	\$ 140,000.00	The STAB drafted and finalized an RFP for consultant services, which DEM used to issue a request for proposals through the RI Division of Purchases. A consulting firm was selected from the bids received and

						we are in the process of finalizing our contract with them. We anticipate that they will start work in June 2025.
Statewide Planning	Climate Vulnerability Assessments	FY24	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 30,703.07	\$ 69,296.93	We have engaged a consultant to work with the Town of Cumberland to review their bylaws and regulations to improve their resilience to climate change. We have also selected a municipality to participate in the next round of municipal technical assistance with a focus on coastal resilience.
Statewide Planning	Municipal Resilience Technical Assistance	FY25	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	We have selected Narragansett municipality to participate in the next round of resilience municipal technical assistance with a focus on coastal resilience. We have partnered with RIIB to develop an RFP and expect to go out to bid for a consultant in the next few weeks.
URI	Beach Profile Data	FY25	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	The team is excited to move the project forward, and we have already made valuable progress. First, the datasets have been gathered, and their structure and limitations have been examined. Code analysis has been conducted, and plans for coordination and presentation have been advanced. Also, drone surveys were completed at several of the beach survey sites, and data sharing and visualization approaches have been explored.

*Agency's data from the current reporting period is not yet reflected in the update