



PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE

RIPTA Operating Grant Final Report

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Project Identification Number: 10091

Pandemic Recovery Office Approval Date: August 22, 2024

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2025

Funded Amount: \$15,000,000

Expended Amount: \$15,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

Problem Statement: The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority’s (RIPTA) five-year operating plan projected a structural operating deficit totaling \$174.7 million from State Fiscal Year 2025 through State Fiscal Year 2029. Although the deficit is due, in part, to RIPTA exhausting all federal COVID-19 relief funding in State Fiscal Year 2025, there are also structural factors contributing to these deficits.

Project Overview: This \$15.0 million operating grant helped meet RIPTA’s short-term needs as it conducted an efficiency study of all transit operations and administration to identify opportunities for greater efficiency and cost reduction. The study was published on August 1, 2025.¹

Financial Overview: All program payments can be found on the [Pandemic Recovery Office’s website](#) by filtering the “Project” box for “RIPTA Operating Grant.” The table below shows planned expenditures by fiscal quarter and actual expenditures by fiscal quarter:

Fiscal Year Quarter	Planned Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
FY 2025 Q1	\$15,000,000	\$14,999,999
FY 2025 Q2	-	\$1
Total	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
<i>Notes:</i> A single audit fee applies to all State Fiscal Recovery Fund projects and accounts for \$4,500 of the \$15,000,000 of planned expenditures and actual expenditures in the above table.		

¹ [RIPTA Releases Independent Operational Efficiency Study Final Report](#)

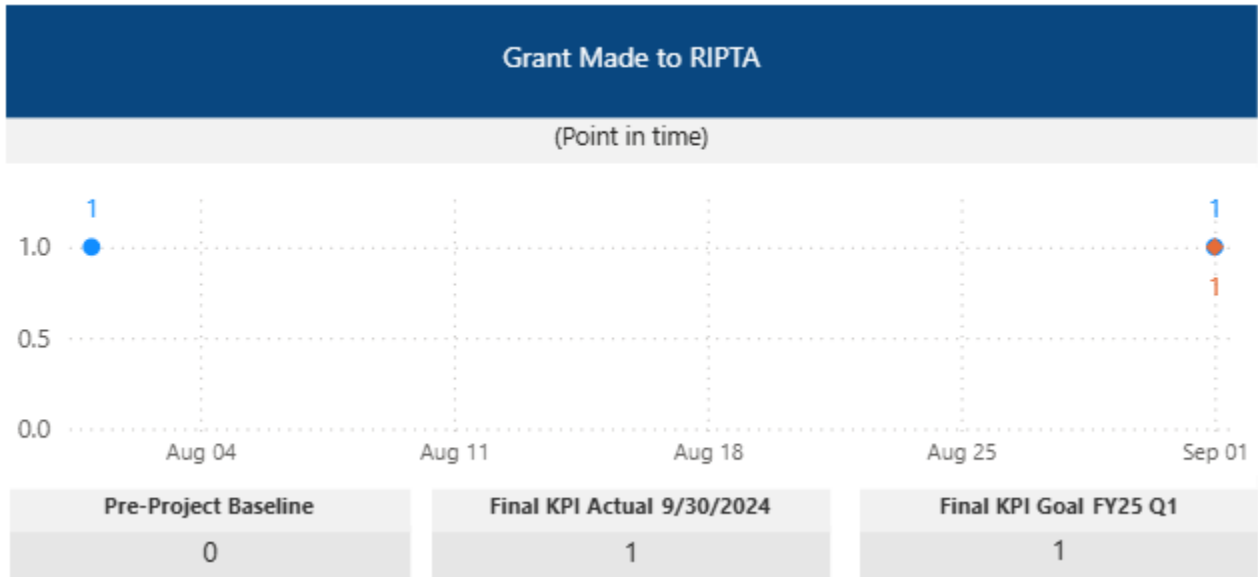
Key Performance Indicators: The following are the key performance indicators based on quarterly goals and monthly data collections.

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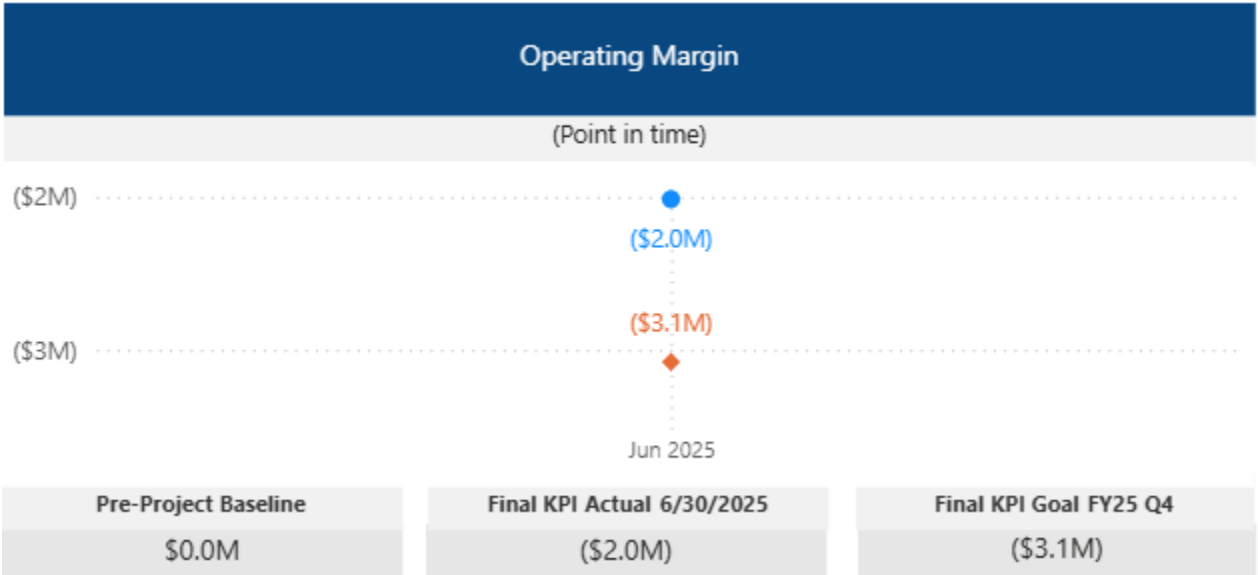
Actual KPI Value Reported

Quarterly Goals

1. Funding transferred to RIPTA²



2. Operating Margin



² This is a yes/no binary indicator: 0 meaning ‘no’, 1 meaning ‘yes’.