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2026-2027 Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant
HOME Investment Partnership Program
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
Emergency Solutions Grant

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The 2026-2027 Action Plan represents the second year of investment under the City of Providence's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The Action Plan is the City of Providence's application for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement grants and identifies the proposed programs and projects to be funded during Federal Program Year 2026 (local FY2027). Four HUD entitlement grants are covered in this Action Plan:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): the primary goal of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities through improved living environments, expansion of economic opportunity, and provision and preservation of decent, affordable housing. Funds are intended to serve low- and moderate-income residents and neighborhoods.
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME): the HOME program is dedicated to increasing the availability, as well as the access to, affordable housing for low-income households.
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): The purpose of the ESG program is to assist individuals and families to gain housing (temporary and permanent) after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness.
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA): HOPWA funds may be used for a wide range of housing and social services to benefit individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify the City's housing, community, neighborhood, and economic development priority needs, and develop goals and strategies regarding how funding will be allocated to eligible housing and community development activities and priorities as described in the ConPlan. It is important to note that the City's ConPlan sets goals and strategies to be achieved over the 2025-2029 period and identifies a list of funding priorities. The ConPlan goals represent high priority needs for the City of Providence and serve as the basis for the PY 2026 programs and activities identified in this Action Plan.

Con Plan goals are listed below in no particular order:

- Increase Availability of Affordable Housing
- Improve Quality of Occupied Housing Units
- Reduce Homelessness
- Increase Housing Stability Among PLWHA
- Improve Condition of Public Facilities
- Improve Streetscapes & Public Infrastructure
- Improve Parks and Recreational Areas

- Provide for Basic Needs of LMI Persons
- Facilitate Small Business Development and Growth
- Effectively Administer Programs

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The City of Providence’s housing and community needs were identified through a series of community meetings and outreach (including direct outreach to neighborhood and community centers, local CDCs, and other local service agencies) during its most recent Consolidated Planning process and this Year 2 Action Plan process. Data obtained from partner organizations, the US Census, HMIS, and other sources was also evaluated. Additional outreach through public hearings was conducted as part of this Action Plan Process. The needs identified below informed the development of goals and intended outcomes throughout the ConPlan Process and identified needs informed the goals of Year 2.

Housing Needs –

Housing Affordability: Housing affordability remains a major concern. About 46 percent of renters and 31 percent of homeowners are cost burdened. More than half of residents meet HUD’s low- and moderate-income definitions. The 16,245 households earning 0–30 percent of area median income face the greatest affordability challenges. **Sub-standard Housing Stock:** Poor maintenance, absentee landlords, and limited owner resources affect housing quality. Lead poisoning and asthma rates are higher in Providence than elsewhere in the state. Vacancy and abandonment persist, with over 100 properties still in need of rehab or demolition as of 2023. **Public Housing:** The Providence Housing Authority manages 2,606 units for 5,362 residents and administers Section 8 vouchers for 6,147 individuals. Demand far exceeds supply—wait times are up to five years for families and 8–12 years for Section 8. PHA has expanded voucher access, but long waitlists remain a barrier.

Homeless Needs –

Homelessness: Estimating unsheltered and at-risk populations is difficult. Conversations with providers and HMIS data highlight a need for rapid re-housing and the shortage of affordable, habitable units. Lack of support services worsens the issue. The City focuses on rapid response using Housing First and wraparound services.

Non-Homeless Special Needs –

There are households throughout the City that have special needs unrelated to homelessness. Some of these population groups include the elderly and frail elderly; those living with some type of physical or

cognitive disability; those living with HIV/AIDS and their families; persons with substance use disorders; persons exiting institutional settings, persons with Severe Mental Illness and Severe and Persistent Mental Illness; and victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

These groups may face greater challenges than the general population due to their specific circumstances and the City's housing stock, particularly the large pools of homes in the City built before 1940, may not be suitable for households with special needs. In this Year 2 Action Plan, the City identifies that these groups require specialized social services and housing.

Non Housing Community Development Needs –

Schools, Libraries, Parks and Recreation, Senior and Community Centers: Aging infrastructure impacts the City's ability to meet educational needs. School conditions were frequently cited in community feedback. The Providence Community Library system relies on City and foundation funding for capital needs. CDBG funds continue to support these improvements as resources allow. The Parks Department oversees nearly 200 facilities. Renovation needs outpace available resources. CDBG funding helps leverage other sources like Capital Improvement Bonds, NIF funds, and state grants. Senior and Community Centers provide essential services but require significant upgrades that often exceed available funding. These much-needed capital repairs were identified for financial assistance with 2026-27 CDBG funds.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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With the assistance of regional HUD staff, the City has been making consistent improvements to its performance, both in terms of impact as well as meeting all Federal documentation, reporting, and compliance requirements. At the same time, the Housing & Community Development staff has been working to bring greater rigor to the evaluation of requests for funding to ensure selection of high capacity subrecipients who can deliver effective programs on the City's behalf. The Division of Housing & Community Development, with active support of the Mayor's Office and the City Council, has sought to change the nature of CDBG investments away from a large number of small dollar grants of marginal and diminishing value, to a smaller number of larger grants to allow for more transformational place-based projects that improve quality of life in underserved areas. The City is also more strategically layering federal, state, and local funds to amplify impact. The activities funded in this Year 2 Action Plan follow this investment strategy.

The City of Providence has a strong record of making a significant impact with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds. A commitment of City resources is often the catalyst used by community-based

organizations as the basis for their fundraising efforts and leverage private dollars for even greater impact. With the endorsement and financial commitment of the City, organizations are greatly strengthened in their ability to obtain donations from the community, foundations, the private sector, and to obtain gap financing.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The citizen participation process for the Consolidated Plan consisted of a robust public outreach strategy to solicit input on community development and housing.

This process consisted of broad public meetings, neighborhood meetings, focus groups, resident surveys, listening sessions, and consultations with stakeholders from summer 2024 through fall 2025 and winter 2026. Outreach regarding events and the funding opportunity was conducted via social media, newspaper advertisement, list-serv emails to neighborhood groups and organizations, and more. The City conducted an additional public hearing and solicited a final public comment period prior to ConPlan submission.

In preparation of this Year 2, PY26 Action Plan, a number of additional public hearings (City Council Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal, and Planning) were held in April and May, during which staff presented on the community development programs, presentations were heard from organizations, and the public was offered the opportunity to comment. The City of Providence will hold a final public meeting on July 14, 2026 to afford the public, community organizations, and other interested parties ample time to review and comment on this Action Plan before submission to HUD.

Promotion for these community meetings was done through email, public postings, newspaper advertisements, Open Meetings portal, and online social media (X, Facebook, YouTube). Generally speaking, the City's citizen participation process was, and is, robust and inclusive.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Some of the most important issues of concern and priority needs found during the ConPlan and Action Plan process included the cost of housing and the desire for more affordable housing; improvements to the City's education system; homelessness, good-paying jobs/economic development; better park maintenance; increased sports and recreation activities; rehabilitating low-quality, unsafe, and unhealthy housing; public safety; poverty; and social services for adults, seniors, and children. Residents also expressed concern over absentee landlords, insufficient housing code enforcement, need for down-payment assistance to foster homeownership, desire for improved collaboration between the City and

local CDCs, better pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure, improving the condition of sidewalks and roads, urban farms, funding for senior activities, importance of youth development and afterschool and summer programs for youth, job training, facility improvements and improvements to condition of school facilities, adult education programs. These priority needs inform this Year 2 Action Plan. Additionally, during the annual 2026-2027 program budget allocation process, verbal testimony heard during the URRP Committee meetings reinforced the information gleaned during the ConPlan process.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

This information will be added after the public comment period is over.

7. Summary

Not applicable.

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PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	PROVIDENCE	Housing & Human Services
HOPWA Administrator	PROVIDENCE	Housing & Human Services
HOME Administrator	PROVIDENCE	Housing & Human Services
ESG Administrator	PROVIDENCE	Housing & Human Services

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Providence, Department of Housing & Human Services (HHS) is the lead agency and through its Division of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) administers the annual allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grants. Further, the DHCD also administers the City's Lead Safe Providence Program, which is funded by a competitive grant from the HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes. The Providence Business Loan Fund (PBLF) is responsible for small business lending and the Providence Housing Authority (PHA) oversees the portfolio of public housing in the City. The City is a member of the Rhode Island Continuum of Care as well as the State's Consolidated Homeless Fund.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

In development of its Consolidated and Annual Action Plan(s), the City conducts public meetings, neighborhood meetings, focus groups, periodic surveys, listening sessions, and consultations with stakeholders to solicit input on community development and housing. Outreach regarding events and funding opportunity was and is conducted via social media, newspaper advertisement, list-serv emails to neighborhood groups and organizations, and more. The City will conduct an additional public hearing and solicit a final public comment period prior to Plan submission.

In preparation of this Year 2, PY26 Action Plan, a number of additional public hearings (City Council Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal, and Planning) were held in April and May, during which staff presented on the community development programs, presentations were heard from various organizations, and the public was offered the opportunity to comment. The City of Providence held a final public hearing on July 14, 2026 to afford the public, community organizations, and other interested parties ample time to review and comment on this Action Plan before submission of the final document to HUD.

Promotion for community meetings and promotion of the funding opportunity is done through email, public postings, newspaper advertisements, and City online social media (X, Facebook, YouTube). Generally speaking, the City's citizen participation and consultation processes are robust and inclusive.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

Providence is rich in the number and type of agencies and organizations that provide social services to populations in need. This network of agencies and organizations provide a broad variety of housing, economic, and social service programs that serve many community residents. These include community development corporations (CDCs), other non-profit housing developers, non-profit service providers, human services and shelter providers, organizations working with special needs populations, and other community-based organizations. Most of these organizations are funded through a combination of public and private sources, and were willing and able to offer expert guidance on gaps, challenges, and opportunities that may exist in the delivery of service to Providence's low- and moderate- income.

Additionally, the City maintains regular contact with community residents, business owners, nonprofit organizations such as CDCs, the Providence Housing Authority, community-based service providers, as well as the beneficiaries of the programs administered by the Division of Housing & Community Development (DHCD). This direct contact with the public and providers and agencies also results in

regular input regarding the needs of the community, allows for alignment with the City's goals, and assists in program development, implementation, and evaluation.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City of Providence currently serves on the Board of the Continuum of Care (CoC), a collaborative body which guides the state's homelessness programs and policies, as well as oversees CoC grant funds. The City is also a full member of the Consolidated Homeless Fund (CHF), a coordinated funding partnership between the State of Rhode Island, RI DHHS, and the RI ESG entitlement cities. Both the RCoC and the CHF are designed to deliver a continuum of programs and assistance that works to reduce the number of homeless individuals and families throughout Rhode Island.

The RI CoC Board and Membership are comprised of a broad range of service and housing providers, state agencies, community partners, and individuals all working together to build a statewide system to prevent and end homelessness.

The work of the Continuum is largely conducted through standing committees. Three standing committees focus on the targeted populations listed above: the Families and Youth Committee; Veterans Committee, and Chronically Homeless/High Need Individuals Committee. These committees conference regularly on cases, and utilize Coordinated Entry to align assessed clients with the appropriate housing program.

Additionally, these Committees provide informed recommendations to the larger CoC Board and membership on potential policy barriers to successful placement and recommend policy or process changes to ameliorate barriers or improve systems. Subcommittees and working groups are also periodically established (such as the CES Evaluation Work Group, Regionalization Working Group or the Racial Equity Work Group) to support the CoC.

The CoC adheres to and deploys the Housing First model to place clients into appropriate housing. Client placement is based on HMIS data. Ongoing, wraparound service provision is a requirement of funding.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

Funding for homeless programs has been streamlined and coordinated to flow through two primary bodies: the RI CoC and the Consolidated Homeless Fund (CHF). As noted above, the City serves an active role with both bodies. The goals of this coordination are as follows:

- To reduce administrative burden on grantees, allowing more resources and time to be allocated to client services
- To develop consistent policies and procedures across state and municipal boundaries to allow for more effective, consistent, and efficient programs and services
- To increase efficiency and reduce the duplication of administrative efforts across municipal and state units of government
- To universalize the evaluation of applications and systematize the deployment of funds to decrease homelessness through strategic coordination and alignment.

The Consolidated Homeless Fund (CHF) combines all ESG funds (state and entitlement cities), state funding for homelessness, and Title XX Block Grant funds into a single pool, governed by universal Policies & Procedures. A committee representing the State Office of Housing and Community Development, State DHHS, ESG entitlement communities, a representative of the State's Housing Resources Commission, RI Housing and other relevant policy makers in homelessness set parameters for the CHF program's funding and make awards.

In an effort to further coordination, this CHF Committee was merged with the CoC Recipient Approval and Evaluation Committee (REAC), to create a singular Committee to oversee the development of performance standards and outcome evaluation for both CoC- and ESG-funded projects. This committee relies on information provided by the RI CoC including: point-in-time statistics, HMIS performance reports, and subrecipient capacity reports. The CoC's System Performance Committee also informs the development of performance standards and outcome measurement for the CHF and CoC.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	AIDS Care Ocean State
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	AIDS Care Ocean State is one of the City's largest HOPWA subrecipients and maintains consistent communication with staff regarding housing and service needs for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Through this ongoing partnership, ACOS regularly shares expertise on the barriers, gaps, and opportunities related to housing stability and supportive services for this population.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Amos House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Amos House maintains regular communication with the City in its role as a subrecipient and through its active involvement in the Continuum of Care. The organization offers valuable expertise on the challenges, barriers, and opportunities related to enhancing housing and services for individuals experiencing homelessness. Recommendations from Amos House and other homeless service providers for improved coordination include: further centralizing waitlists; strengthening alignment between supportive services, operating subsidies, and new affordable housing developments, also implementing landlord incentive programs to increase rental options for homeless individuals.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	African Alliance for RI
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The African Alliance of Rhode Island regularly liaises with the City to share insights on the needs of the African community. In recent conversations, the organization emphasized the importance of culturally sensitive services, including financial literacy programs, as well as the need to expand urban agriculture, pop-up markets, and food access in underserved neighborhoods.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Building Futures
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City consults regularly with the agency to discuss apprenticeship and workforce development programs in the construction industry, employment opportunities for low-income City residents in the construction fields, and market opportunities to expand job opportunities for unemployed Providence residents. Consultations with the City and other partners have lead to improved coordination with affordable housing investments -- i.e. incorporation of workforce opportunities into HOME development projects.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Capital City Community Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation via regular interaction throughout the program year has helped to identify community needs and programs and resources necessary to address those needs. Consultations will lead to better coordination among community centers and public service agencies throughout the City. One particular area cited for improvement was coordination of transportation for seniors; Capital City cited state transportation vendor services as a barrier for many seniors to be able to access the full breadth of agency services. Capital City also discussed the increased need food/pantry services due to increased costs.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	CHILDHOOD LEAD ACTION PROJECT
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Regular coordination meetings to discuss lead abatement strategies. Consultation has led to better integration of lead abatement strategies into healthy housing programs and identified opportunities to improve coordination between CLAP, City code enforcement, RI Department of Health, and the Lead Safe Providence Program.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Crossroads RI
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Crossroads was consulted via routine check-ins as a subrecipient, and via mutual robust participation in the Continuum of Care. Consultation regarding the services offered by Crossroads, the demand for homeless services in Providence and the state, and strategies to prevent and reduce homelessness will lead to better coordination of services among the various homeless providers in the City and State.</p>
8	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Community Action Partnership of Providence</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Periodic discussions and regular interaction throughout the program year to identify and discuss community needs and programs and resources necessary to address those needs. As Providence's Community Action Agency, CAPP provides a range of services to low/moderate income households, including food, heating assistance and weatherization. Routine consultations have led to greater coordination between the City's Lead Safe Providence Program and CAPP's weatherization program (boosting the impact of healthy housing investments) and to better coordination among public service agencies throughout the city generally.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	DaVinci Center for Community Progress
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Periodic group discussions and regular interaction throughout the program year as a subrecipient to identify and discuss community needs and programs and resources necessary to address those needs. Consultations will lead to better coordination among community centers and public service agencies throughout the city.

10	Agency/Group/Organization	Federal Hill House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Regular interaction throughout the program year to identify and discuss community needs and programs and resources necessary to address those needs. Consultations will lead to better coordination among community centers and public service agencies throughout the City.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Green and Healthy Homes Initiative
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Health Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Regular interactions throughout the year to discuss lead abatement and healthy housing strategies. Consultation has led to better coordination and integration of lead abatement strategies into healthy housing programs, such as through enrollment partnership between Lead Safe Providence Program and GHHI Healthy Homes Production Program to address childhood asthma triggers.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	RI Coastal Resources Management Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Other government - State Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Hazard Mitigation
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RI CRMC manages Rhode Island's Coastal Management Program and is consulted regularly on issues pertaining to environmental reviews and permitting for federal investments contemplated within CRMC jurisdiction. Consultation has led to improved coordination in environmental review process for projects, and greater consistency in investments and investment-planning with the Coastal Zone Management Act
13	Agency/Group/Organization	The Housing Network of Rhode Island/Community Housing Land Trust of Rhode Island
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Regular consultation to discuss housing needs, housing finance, programs to support new homeowners, and the market for new owner and rental units. As the Housing Network is a coalition of all the CDCs in the state, consultation leads to better coordination of programs and projects among the various CDCs operating in the City. Focus group feedback underscored need for preservation funding.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Works @ RWU
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Planning organization Academic Institution
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Regular consultation to discuss housing needs, housing finance, and the market for owner and rental units. Consultation yields important information regarding the housing markets in the various neighborhoods throughout the City and state housing policy landscape.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Local Initiatives Support Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Providence is a member of the LISC Neighborhood Development Fund and through this we consult regularly regarding the market for new and/or rehab units, and strategies for aligning funding for larger scale transformative development projects in the City.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Olneyville Housing Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Regular interaction conducted with Olneyville Housing (dba ONE Neighborhood Builders) throughout the program year to identify and discuss housing and community needs. Consultation leads to better coordination with CDCs throughout the City, identification of problem properties in specific neighborhoods, and programs that would be of value for affordable housing development.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	OMNI DEVELOPMENT CORP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Regular interaction throughout the program year to identify and discuss housing and community needs. Consultation leads to better coordination with CDCs throughout the City, identification of problem properties in specific neighborhoods, and programs that would be of value for affordable housing development.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	PROVIDENCE REVOLVING FUND
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Community Development Financial Institution
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Regular interaction throughout the program year to identify and discuss housing and community needs. Consultation leads to better coordination for housing rehabilitation via co-enrollment and referral throughout the City, identification of problem properties in specific neighborhoods, need for historic preservation, and programs that would be of value for affordable housing development.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	SWAP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Regular interaction throughout the program year to identify and discuss housing and community needs. Consultation leads to better coordination with CDCs throughout the City, identification of redevelopment opportunities in South Providence, and programs or policy changes that would be of value for affordable housing development.

20	Agency/Group/Organization	WEST ELMWOOD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Regular interaction throughout the program year to identify and discuss housing and community needs. Consultation leads to better coordination with CDCs throughout the City, identification of problem properties in specific neighborhoods, and programs that would be of value for affordable housing development.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	PROVIDENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Frequent consultations related to coordination between City Consolidated Plan and PHA Plans for public housing, the needs of public housing residents, the waiting list for Section 8 vouchers and PHA units, housing market trends, and the service needs of public housing residents.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	Rhode Island Alliance for Healthy Homes
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Health Service-Fair Housing Health Agency Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Regular coalition meetings to discuss healthy housing strategies. RIAHH participants include representatives from the RI Attorney General's Office, RI Department of Health, RI Office of Housing & Community Development, Prospect Health, GHHI, HousingWorks, and more. Consultation led, and will lead, to better coordination and integration of lead abatement strategies into healthy housing programs, identification of a wider network of agencies and organizations with the mission of healthy housing, and the identification and alignment of resources.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Rhode Island Black Business Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	As a subrecipient, regular interaction throughout the program year(s) regarding the needs of small businesses in the City and state, particularly access to capacity building programs to improve operations and access to bidding opportunities. Continued consultation has led to a technical assistance program providing needed one-on-one consulting services (accounting and bookkeeping, etc.) to build capacity of small businesses.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Rhode Island Center for Justice
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City regularly consults with the RI Center for Justice to assess the legal service needs of low-income residents, with a focus on fair housing, eviction prevention, and protection against housing-related retaliation. These consultations continue to inform the City's strategies to support tenants at risk of displacement, expand access to legal representation, and strengthen housing protections. In recent years, the partnership has supported expanded eviction defense efforts, providing free legal services to tenants facing eviction. This work is closely coordinated with community partners to ensure tenants can access both legal assistance and rental support to prevent eviction and housing instability.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	Rhode Island Legal Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation(s) to discuss the legal service needs of low-income residents, particularly related to fair housing and evictions. Consultation led to a deeper understanding regarding evictions and retaliation, leading to the development of an eviction defense program funded with federal and local resources. Greater coordination has also been fostered with other partners (such as Housing Court and homeless service providers) to leverage available assistance programs to prevent eviction or enable rapid rehousing.

26	Agency/Group/Organization	RI Coalition for the Homeless
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultations to discuss homeless data, the availability of services and housing for the unhoused, prior research on homelessness and programs, and the transformation of the homelessness system towards more permanent supportive housing. Consultation underscored the ongoing need for deeply affordable housing, expanded shelter options, and permanent supportive housing. Providers emphasized increased demand for low-barrier services, mental and behavioral health supports, and streamlined access to benefits. Additionally, there is a growing need for targeted resources to support youth, aging individuals experiencing homelessness, and newcomer populations facing housing instability.

27	Agency/Group/Organization	RI Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	In regular meetings to evaluate applications and assign funding, the homelessness system in the State is discussed as well as better coordination between the CoC and the Consolidated Homeless Fund, and the transformation of the system to meet the goals to end homelessness. The City participates in the CoC (on the Board, membership, and funding committees) to better coordinate investments and policy-making around homelessness.
28	Agency/Group/Organization	Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Other government - State

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City and Rhode Island Housing have an ongoing relationship and are partner organizations co-investing in a myriad of different programs and projects. Through these regular interactions, consultation on the following occur regularly: housing market, affordable housing need for new and rehab units, lead abatement and property rehabilitation, and the housing and service needs of the homeless. Through establishment of standing monthly calls, there is a strong emphasis to coordinate and work collaboratively.
29	Agency/Group/Organization	Rhode Island Executive Office of Housing
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Other government - State

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City maintains ongoing coordination with the State Executive Office of Housing regarding affordable housing production and preservation, lead hazard reduction, property rehabilitation, and addressing homelessness. Consultation continues to highlight the need for improved alignment between state and local housing strategies, particularly around affordable housing development, homelessness response, and supportive services. The City remains an active partner in the Consolidated Homeless Fund (CHF), collaborating with the State and fellow ESG entitlement communities to coordinate funding, shared investment, and to improve outcomes for those experiencing homelessness.
30	Agency/Group/Organization	Silver Lake Community Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Group discussions and interaction throughout the program year to identify and discuss community needs and programs and resources necessary to address those needs. Consultations will lead to better coordination among community centers and public service agencies throughout the city.
31	Agency/Group/Organization	Washington Park Citizens Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Group discussions and regular interaction throughout the program year to identify and discuss community needs and programs and resources necessary to address those needs. Consultations will lead to better coordination among community centers and public service agencies throughout the city.
32	Agency/Group/Organization	West End Community Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Group discussions and regular interaction throughout the program year to identify and discuss community needs and programs and resources necessary to address those needs. Consultations will lead to better coordination among community centers and public service agencies throughout the city.
33	Agency/Group/Organization	Better Lives Rhode Island
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Better Lives Rhode Island was consulted via routine check-ins as a subrecipient, and via mutual robust participation in the Continuum of Care. Consultation regarding the services offered, the demand for safety net emergency homeless and food pantry services in Providence and the state, and strategies to prevent and reduce homelessness will lead to better coordination of services among the various homeless providers in the City and State and new programs designed to fill identified gaps in the service delivery system (ex. warming centers).

34	Agency/Group/Organization	Open Doors Rhode Island
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consults with OpenDoors to better understand the housing and service needs of residents with histories of incarceration or criminal justice involvement. OpenDoors continues to provide valuable insight into the barriers this population faces in securing stable housing, including discrimination based on background checks and source of income. Consultation emphasizes the need for continued collaboration with landlords who practice affirmative rental policies and for expanding pathways to stable housing and supportive services for justice-involved individuals.
35	Agency/Group/Organization	Rhode Island Commerce Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	While direct consultation efforts with ConnectRI were unsuccessful, the City reviewed the ConnectRI Broadband Strategic Plan developed by RI Commerce to inform priorities. The plan emphasizes the need to broaden access to high-speed internet, particularly in underserved urban neighborhoods, as essential infrastructure for education, employment, and healthcare. Insights from the plan support integrating broadband and wifi access into housing development and community facilities.
36	Agency/Group/Organization	Providence Emergency Management Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Emergency Management Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Hazard Mitigation
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consulted with the Providence Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) to discuss emergency preparedness and response as it relates to housing, homelessness, and vulnerable populations. Topics included ensuring that emergency shelters are accessible during extreme weather events, developing guidelines and creating funding opportunities to increase access to warming/cooling resources, improving disaster preparedness for residents in affordable housing and public housing, and strengthening coordination for emergency response affecting unsheltered individuals.
37	Agency/Group/Organization	Commerce RI
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - State Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City and Providence Business Loan Fund liaise regularly with RI Commerce Corporation regarding business attraction and retention, small business supports, and redevelopment. Through regular coordination, duplication is reduced and responsiveness to business needs is increased.
38	Agency/Group/Organization	JUSTICE RESOURCE INSTITUTE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy HOPWA Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Justice Resource Institute (JRI) consults regularly with the City as one of its regional HOPWA subrecipients. JRI routinely provides expert insights into challenges, barriers, and opportunities to improve housing and services for those living with HIV/AIDS. Some of the areas for improved coordination that were highlighted included the need for increased access to tenant-based rental assistance to address demand.
39	Agency/Group/Organization	STANLEY STREET TREATMENT AND RESOURCE CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Service-Fair Housing Health Agency

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy HOPWA Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Stanley Street consults regularly with the City as one of its regional HOPWA subrecipients. SSTAR routinely provides expert insights into challenges, barriers, and opportunities to improve services for those living with HIV/AIDS in the region.
40	Agency/Group/Organization	Sojourner House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consults regularly with Sojourner House to understand the housing and service needs of survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Sojourner House continues to provide critical insight into barriers this population faces, including the shortage of affordable units that are also paired with supportive services. Consultation highlights the ongoing need to strengthen connections between service providers and mission-driven landlords or CDCs, improve access to flexible rental assistance for crisis situations, and better align supportive housing subsidies with available affordable housing stock to ensure long-term stability for survivors.
41	Agency/Group/Organization	Department of Inspections & Standards
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	DIS advised on the most common violations and housing problems encountered, the need for more routine housing inspections, and current practices surrounding lead-based paint and mold. Challenges in enforcement were highlighted and discussed. Improved coordination will include more routine referrals between DIS and Community Development housing programs, as a result of this consultation and regular consultation on lead-based paint enforcement.

42	Agency/Group/Organization	MCAULEY MINISTRIES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consulted with McAuley Ministries through mutual ongoing participation in the Continuum of Care. Discussions focused on the increasing demand for basic needs services, housing support, and homelessness prevention in Providence. McAuley Ministries provided valuable insight into the growing needs of unsheltered individuals, the importance of low-barrier services such as meal programs and day shelters, and strategies to strengthen coordination between housing, healthcare, and social service providers to reduce homelessness and support housing stability.
43	Agency/Group/Organization	Office of Sustainability
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Sustainability's work is often at the intersection of disaster resilience, community health, and housing. During the Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendment process, Sustainability worked closely with the Planning Department and the Housing and Community Development Division to integrate resiliency best practices, such as increasing housing density in resilient areas, upzoning large areas of the city, and reducing parking requirements, among other strategies. These policies concurrently address our housing shortage and ensure that new development is safe, resilient, and sustainable in the long-term. Sustainability has also worked with the administration to address stormwater and protect residents from flooding through investment in green infrastructure and investigation into sustainable stormwater financing options. The City is also currently working with residents and community organizations in the Olneyville Neighborhood in Providence on the pilot Resilience Hub project, which directs resources to community spaces to build resiliency and provide temporary shelter and access to resources during interruptions.</p>
44	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Human Services Division</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Health Other government - Local</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City's Human Services Division participated in a ConPlan stakeholder interview to discuss key concerns and priority needs related to housing and social services. They highlighted the need for stronger behavioral health supports and noted challenges associated with the limited scope of existing community resources, particularly the lack of accessible, appropriate Recovery Housing. Human Services also identified funding gaps for critical social drivers of health, including food security, financial stability, and access to healthcare. Opportunities for better coordination include exploring flexibilities in Community Development programs to help address public health service gaps for low- to moderate income residents. In 2024, the City decided to merge the Healthy Communities Office and the Community Development Division to create the Housing and Human Services Department. This merge allows for program integration and a more streamlined interface for investment in addressing social determinants of health.</p>
45	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>RI Department of Education</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Other government - State</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City consulted with the Rhode Island Department of Education through an in-person survey regarding the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance program. Discussions addressed the educational rights and needs of students experiencing homelessness, the prevalence of unaccompanied youth, and the competitive grant funding process based on local homeless student counts. Key priorities included ensuring continued access to education, free school meals, and stability through the end of the academic year. Anticipated outcomes include exploring increased coordination around transportation funding, leveraging Title I resources, and enhancing strategies to promote academic success and reduce barriers for homeless students.</p>
46	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>RI Department of Corrections</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Other government - State</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City consulted with the Rhode Island Department of Corrections through an in person interview regarding emerging and unmet needs for justice involved individuals, with a focus on re-entry systems, housing, and healthcare. Discussions highlighted gaps in statewide criminal justice planning, the lack of recent Justice Assistance Grant funding due to staffing issues, and the barriers to housing and employment faced by individuals with criminal records. Priorities included aligning re-entry efforts with social determinants of health, addressing staffing and retention challenges, and improving resource coordination for medium- and high-risk individuals. Anticipated outcomes include strengthening partnerships to reduce recidivism, expanding access to basic needs and support services, and integrating housing and healthcare metrics into long-term justice system planning.</p>
47	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>RI Department of Children, Youth and Families</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Other government - State</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy</p>

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City consulted with the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) regarding programs supporting children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness or housing instability. DCYF operates two FCCP programs in Providence offering wraparound and behavioral health services, partners on housing vouchers for foster youth, and provides limited flexible funds for housing needs. Challenges include limited funding, reliance on hotels, and gaps in external connections. Anticipated outcomes include expanding transitional housing through community partnerships, enhancing early identification via schools and CCAP agencies, and reducing reliance on hotels to improve long-term housing stability for vulnerable youth and families.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Appropriate agency types were consulted in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91.110 and the City's Citizen Participation Plan: <https://www.providenceri.gov/housing-human-services/>.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Rhode Island Continuum of Care	The City coordinates closely with the Continuum of Care (CoC) and the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness to align local efforts with regional and statewide strategies to prevent and end homelessness. Current planning is informed by the Rhode to RI 2030 plan and the Coalitions existing strategic framework. The Coalition is also in the process of developing a new strategic plan, with support and input from the City to ensure alignment with local needs and priorities. This collaborative approach helps strengthen system-wide responses and improve outcomes for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Safe Streets for All	City of Providence, Department of Planning & Development	The Safe Streets for All plan provides the framework to improve safety and connectivity for all users of Providence's streets. The plan guides the identification, prioritization, and implementation of safer street designs including: crosswalks, traffic calming, and bicycle infrastructure - as part of public infrastructure projects.
Anti-Displacement & Comprehensive Housing Strategy	City of Providence, Department of Planning & Development	An actionable ten-year housing plan with clear strategies and housing production goals to ensure housing that is affordable and safe to residents. The Strategy, which was released in February 2021, established a clear plan to create and preserve dedicated affordable housing units, promote affordability by increasing the overall housing supply by lowering barriers and costs, assist renters and homeowners to maintain housing stability, help renters and homebuyers afford and sustain the cost of housing, and reduce displacement of existing residents at all income levels.
City of Providence Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improv	City of Providence	The City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multi-year plan that outlines a city's investments in infrastructure like streets, sidewalks, parks, and public buildings. It identifies priority projects, costs, funding sources, and timelines. The CIP helps guide the Consolidated Plan by aligning infrastructure investments with community development goals. Improvements to public spaces, transportation, and facilities directly support neighborhood revitalization, accessibility, and quality of life - key priorities of the Con Plan.
Art in City Life Plan & 2025 Addendum	City of Providence, Department of Art, Culture and Tourism	The Art in City Life Plan outlines how public art is integrated into Providence's neighborhoods, infrastructure, and public spaces. The 2025 Addendum updates the plan to reflect new priorities, including greater focus on community engagement, and incorporating public art into upcoming capital and infrastructure projects.
2026 Overview of the Rhode Island Economy	State of Rhode Island	The Rhode Island Annual Economic Report provides an overview of the state's economic performance in 2025 and offers projections for 2026 and beyond. The report highlights growth in the labor force, job creation, and ongoing economic challenges, with a focus on building resilience and sustainable communities. This analysis helps inform the Consolidated Plan by providing critical data on employment trends, economic stability, and the need for investments that support economic opportunities for residents.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Governor's Workforce Board RI Biennial Employment	Governor's Workforce Board RI	The Biennial Employment and Training Plan is an important tool for the workforce system in the state to identify the key steps that will build the state's talent pipeline. Based on the network of Industry Partners that represent large and/or high-growth sectors of the State's economy, the Plan offers a good roadmap for the City's workforce development investments to increase impact and better assist low- and moderate-income City residents.
Housing 2030	Rhode Island Department of Housing	The State Housing Plan (Housing 2030) is Rhode Islands comprehensive strategy to address current and future housing needs. The plan sets clear goals and outlines policies, funding priorities, and tools to guide state and local efforts to expand housing access and affordability. Housing 2030 informs municipal planning and the use of federal and state resources, directly supporting the Consolidated Plans goals to increase affordable housing, promote development, and address longstanding housing challenges.
Providence Housing Authority Strategic Plan	Providence Housing Authority	The Providence Housing Authority's Strategic Plan details their operations and programs. The Plan requires a certification by the City that it is consistent with the City's Consolidated Plan.
Providence Housing Authority Annual Report	Providence Housing Authority	The Providence Housing Authority's 2023 Annual Report (most recent) outlines efforts to preserve aging public housing, expand affordable housing options, and improve access to the private rental market through vouchers. This work aligns with the Consolidated Plans goals to increase affordable housing, preserve existing units, and promote housing stability for low-income residents in Providence.
Providence Housing Authority 2025 Impact Report	Providence Housing Authority	The Providence Housing Authority's 2025 Impact Report highlights investments in affordable housing, resident services, workforce development, food security, and homelessness prevention programs. These efforts support the Consolidated Plan's goals of increasing housing stability, expanding access to supportive services, and improving outcomes for low- and moderate-income residents in Providence.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Providence Comprehensive Plan	City of Providence, Department of Planning and Development	The Providence Comprehensive Plan is a decade-long strategic framework that guides the city's growth and development. It addresses key areas such as housing, economic development, environmental sustainability, and transportation. This plan informs the Consolidated Plan by establishing local priorities and strategies that align with federal funding objectives. The Con Plan utilizes these local priorities to secure federal resources for housing and community development initiatives.
Great Streets Master Plan	City of Providence, Department of Planning & Development	Great Streets establishes a framework for public space improvements to ensure that every Providence street is safe and allows for multimodal transportation. Informed by insights generated from thorough analysis of crash data, traffic calming requests, and housing and transportation figures, the plan outlines a vision for the future of Providence streets. This vision will be implemented through strategic investments of local and federal funds to improve streetscapes.
Healthy Homes Strategy	RI Alliance for Healthy Homes (RIAHH)	Commissioned plan that identifies opportunities for the City to work within its own organization structure and with key partners to foster healthy housing through new construction, rehab, financial tools, code enforcement and housing court and resident education. This plan will help the City to strategically align its work to improve the quality, safety, and health of existing and new housing. Although the Healthy Homes Strategy was released in 2017, it remains a relevant, long-term guiding document that continues to inform the City's efforts to improve housing quality, public health, and community resilience.
Building a Brighter Future	City of Providence	The Plan for Our Schools: Building a Brighter Future outlines the City's strategy for transitioning Providence Public Schools back to local control after the 2019 State intervention. It focuses on improving governance, operations, facilities, community engagement, and student outcomes. This effort supports ConPlan goals by promoting strong, stable communities through quality education, public investment, and inclusive engagement.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Climate Ready PVD	City of Providence	The Climate Ready PVD initiative sets targets to increase tree canopy, achieve municipal carbon neutrality by 2040, and improve stormwater management and flood resilience. It includes new programs like renewable energy options for residents and upgrades to critical infrastructure, advancing Providence's commitment to sustainability.
Rhode Island Broadband Plan	Rhode Island Commerce	The RI Broadband Plan aims to provide affordable, high-speed internet access to all residents by 2027. It focuses on expanding infrastructure, improving digital skills, and engaging communities. This supports the ConPlan's goals by promoting ready access to technology, which is vital for education, economic opportunity, and healthcare.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The Housing and Community Development Division regularly partners with City departments, state agencies, and federal entities to advance the goals of the Consolidated Plan and this year 2 Annual Action Plan. Addressing complex challenges like transportation requires multi-agency collaboration. The Division works with the State of Rhode Island, RIPTA, USDOT, EPA, HUD, and others to coordinate efforts.

Major transportation initiatives include Safe Streets for All - a citywide effort to improve pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, especially in underserved neighborhoods—and the RIPTA Metro Connector, which aims to enhance transit service along key corridors. These projects use data-driven approaches to increase safety, connectivity, and mobility citywide.

The City also continues to support transportation through programs like the JUMP Bike Share, the scooter initiative, and the Great Streets Master Plan. The Department further collaborates with EPA and partners on brownfield remediation and with DOH, Rhode Island Housing, and others on lead abatement through the Lead Safe Providence Program, improving housing quality and public health.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

In addition to the robust and extensive engagement in the development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, the City also engaged in the following Action Plan process:

- The City Council Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal, & Planning conducted additional public hearings in April of 2026 during which staff presented on the community development programs, presentations were heard from various organizations, and the public was offered opportunity to comment. These meetings were also live-streamed via YouTube.
- A public CDBG/HOME/HOPWA Workshop & Information Session was held on February 13, 2026, which included an information session and tutorial on the City's entitlement grant programs, anticipated funding levels, how to apply, and reporting requirements associated with becoming a subrecipient, for agencies or other members of the public interested in the grant application process. Opportunity for Q & A and public comment was also noticed and provided.
- In preparation of this Year 2, PY26 Action Plan, the City of Providence also held a public hearing on July 14, 2026 to afford the public, community organizations, and other interested parties sufficient time to review and comment on the Action Plan before submission to HUD. An associated 30-day public comment period also accompanied this public hearing and notice (running June 29th - July 28th, 2026).

Promotion for these hearings and of funding opportunities was conducted through email, web, Open Meetings and Clerk's Office postings, newspaper advertisements and posts, and online social media (X, YouTube, Facebook). Generally speaking, the City's citizen participation process was robust and inclusive.

Public comments from all forms of outreach were used to identify priorities and Five Year and Annual goals.

Citizen Participation Outreach

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
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1	Public Hearing	<p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	<p>At the Annual Action Plan & Community Development Information Session held on February 13th, 2026, City staff provided a brief overview of the Annual Action Plan process, and the need for stakeholder input on priorities and community development needs throughout the City. City staff also discussed the process for applying for funds through our</p>	<p>A few questions were asked surrounding the application process and eligible activities with the funds.</p>	<p>Not Applicable.</p>	<p>https://www.providenceri.gov/housing-human-services/</p>
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			competitive RFP process.			

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2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>Twelve (12) officials and individuals attended a presentation and discussion at the City Council Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal, and Planning (URRP) relative to the Community Development Block Grant Budget (CDBG) on April 13, 2026. An overview of the Annual Action Plan process was provided and also there was an opportunity</p>	<p>Discussion was held on the draft Community Development Block Grant Budget as presented and budget process. All comments received reflected favorably upon the program.</p>	Not Applicable.	<p>https://providenceri.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=15926</p>
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
			for public comment.			
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Nineteen (19) officials and individuals attended a presentation and discussion at the City Council Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal, and Planning (URRP) relative to the Community Development Block Grant Budget (CDBG) on April 22, 2026.	Discussion was held on the draft Community Development Block Grant Budget as presented and budget process. Presentations on behalf of proposals were heard from 4 agencies. All comments received reflected favorably upon the program.	Not Applicable.	https://providenceri.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=15939

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Thirteen (13) officials and individuals attended a presentation and discussion at the City Council Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal, and Planning (URRP) relative to the Community Development Block Grant Budget (CDBG) on April 27, 2026.	Discussion was held on the draft Community Development Block Grant Budget as presented and budget process and final comments were able to be made on the budget. All comments received reflected favorably upon the program.	Not Applicable.	https://providenceri.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=15948

5	Internet Outreach	<p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Khmer, Portuguese</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	<p>A public notice notifying the public of the opportunity to review and comment on the City's Annual Action Plan was published on the City's webpage as well as on the Housing and Human Service Department's Social Media. Notice was also sent out via the Department's listserv which has 80+ individuals signed up. The web ad on the Department's was available</p>	<p>This will be updated upon conclusion of the Public Comment Period.</p>	<p>Not Applicable.</p>	<p>https://www.providenceri.gov/housing-human-services/</p>
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
			in English, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Khmer, and Portuguese.			

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
6	Newspaper Ad	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad ad community</p>	<p>A public notice notifying the public of the opportunity to review and comment on the City's Annual Action Plan was published in the Providence Journal. Legal ad was published in English with a note in Spanish asking to call the office for more information if necessary.</p>	<p>This will be updated upon conclusion of the Public Comment Period.</p>	<p>Not Applicable.</p>	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
7	Public Hearing	<p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	<p>A public hearing will be held on July 14, 2026 to discuss briefly what an Annual Action Plan is, the proposed goals as well as highlighting some proposed projects. This section will be updated after the public hearing/comment period are completed.</p>	<p>This will be updated upon conclusion of the Public Comment Period.</p>	<p>Not Applicable.</p>	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The City of Providence is an entitlement jurisdiction that receives federal funds from U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development to invest in its neighborhoods. The funds are provided under CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA entitlement programs. All funds must primarily assist low- to moderate-income individuals, families, and households. The primary objectives of the programs listed below are to develop viable communities through the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities; reduce homelessness and support the housing and related supportive service needs for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS.

The City will receive the following entitlement allocations for the 2026 Program Year (Federal Fiscal Year 7/1/2026-6/30/2027):

CDBG: The City will receive \$5,216,462 in PY26 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funds. The City also reprogrammed and reallocated \$230,000 in "prior year CDBG resources", a \$935,000 carryover Revolving Loan fund balance, as well as \$590,000 in anticipated "program income" generated from repayment of Providence Business Loan fund (PBLF) CDBG-capitalized loans for a total of \$6,971,462 in anticipated CDBG funds for programming in PY26.

HOME: The City will receive a final allocation of \$1,331,217.60 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds to support the creation of affordable housing and has receipted \$1,463,535.82 in homebuyer proceeds that will be reprogrammed to projects in the program year.

HOPWA: The City will receive \$1,591,374 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS funds.

ESG: The City will receive \$459,410 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds for programs and services for the homeless in PY26.

The City was also previously awarded a competitive \$5.7 million, 42-month grant through HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

which will be available through the program year.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	5,216,462.00	1,525,000.00	230,000.00	6,971,462.00	20,914,386.00	The City will undertake activities and projects using CDBG funds including housing development and rehabilitation, facilities improvements, public infrastructure improvements, economic development, public services, planning and administration.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,331,217.60	1,463,535.82	0.00	2,794,753.42	8,384,260.26	The City will undertake activities and projects using HOME funds including new housing development, rehabilitation of existing and vacant units, and homebuyer assistance programs.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	1,591,374.00	0.00	0.00	1,591,374.00	4,774,122.00	The City will undertake activities and projects using HOPWA funds including acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of housing units; costs for facility operations; rental assistance; short-term payments to prevent homelessness; and case management services for those living with HIV/AIDS.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	459,410.00	0.00	0.00	459,410.00	1,378,230.00	The City will undertake activities and projects using ESG funds including shelter operations, transitional housing, rapid rehousing assistance, and supportive services for the homeless.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City’s HOME program requires that recipient organizations contribute a minimum 25% match of the total HOME award, in accordance with HUD regulations. This match requirement is fulfilled by the recipient and does not impose a financial burden on the City. In recent years, local developers have continued to successfully leverage HOME and CDBG funds alongside other financing tools to support the creation and preservation of affordable housing.

At the state level, Rhode Island has continued to invest in affordable housing through the Building Homes Rhode Island (BHRI) program. Following voter approval of \$50 million in 2016 and \$65 million in 2020, the State has expanded its commitment to housing production and preservation through additional housing investments, including the voter-approved \$120 million Housing Opportunity Bond in 2024. These resources continue to help Providence developers address financing gaps, support affordable housing production and preservation, and leverage other funding sources such as the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

The City anticipates continued alignment between local and state funding sources to increase the pace and scale of affordable housing development. Leveraging BHRI, HOME, and CDBG resources will remain a key strategy to meet housing needs, address cost burdens, and support equitable neighborhood revitalization throughout Providence.

The City is a partner in the Consolidated Homeless Funds CHF Partnership which oversees a variety of homeless service funding grants including:

- City of Pawtucket ESG
- City of Providence ESG
- City of Woonsocket ESG
- State of Rhode Island ESG
- State of Rhode Island Housing Resource Commission Homeless Funds
- Social Service Block Grant Funds (from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the Rhode Island Department of Human Services)

Due to this unique collaboration, the CHF Partnership is able to provide 100% matching funds without transferring the match responsibility to ESG subrecipients. The CHF Partnership uses the rules, regulations, and policies in the ESG regulations as the basis of the program design for all CHF programs (even those that are not directly funded under ESG).

All activities that are funded under the ESG match allocations will be in accordance with the Interim Rule's new requirements and regulations (and will be monitored by the CHF Partnership as such). Only activities eligible under and in compliance with the ESG Interim Rule will receive the match resources listed above.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The City of Providence continues to prioritize the revitalization of vacant and abandoned properties as a strategy to support neighborhood stabilization, affordable housing development, and community reinvestment. The City works through a combination of targeted code enforcement, land banking, and partnerships with nonprofit developers to return underutilized properties to productive use. In 2023, the City launched the Providence Home Repair Program, which provides grants of up to \$25,000 to income-eligible homeowners for critical home repairs, with a focus on health, safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency improvements.

The Providence Redevelopment Agency (PRA) plays a central role in acquiring and holding strategic parcels for redevelopment, particularly in areas with high vacancy or disinvestment. These efforts often align with broader goals such as the development of affordable homeownership opportunities, public open space, or infill housing on scattered sites.

To support these initiatives, the City will continue to leverage CDBG funds for eligible rehabilitation, demolition, and reconstruction activities. In partnership with CDCs and affordable housing developers, these investments help address blight, reduce health and safety risks, and ensure that neighborhood change benefits long-term residents.

Discussion

N/A

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Increase Availability of Affordable Housing	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$1,198,096.60	Rental units rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 30 Households Assisted
2	Improve Quality of Occupied Housing Units	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$1,442,360.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1500 Households Assisted Rental units rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Reduce Homelessness	2025	2029	Homeless	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area	Reduce Homelessness	ESG: \$459,410.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3150 Persons Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 180 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 200 Persons Assisted
4	Increase Housing Stability Among PLWHA	2025	2029	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Providence - Fall River - New Bedford EMSA	Housing & Support Services for PLWHA	HOPWA: \$1,543,633.00	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 25 Households Assisted HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 50 Household Housing Unit Other: 180 Other
5	Improve Condition of Public Facilities	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area	Public Facilities Improvements	CDBG: \$894,170.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 178000 Persons Assisted
6	Improve Streetscapes & Public Infrastructure	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area	Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$300,000.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 140000 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	Improve Parks and Recreational Areas	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area	Improved Parks & Recreational Opportunities	CDBG: \$310,000.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 115000 Persons Assisted
8	Provide for Basic Needs of LMI Persons	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area	Public Services	CDBG: \$1,071,640.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 124000 Persons Assisted
9	Facilitate Small Business Development and Growth	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area	Facilitate Small Business Development & Growth	CDBG: \$1,910,000.00	Jobs created/retained: 40 Jobs Businesses assisted: 200 Businesses Assisted
10	Effectively Administer Programs	2025	2029	Program Administration	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area	Effective Planning & Administration	CDBG: \$1,043,292.00 HOPWA: \$47,741.00 HOME: \$133,121.00 ESG: \$34,456.00	Other: 0 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Increase Availability of Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Through new construction, conversion, and/or rehabilitation of existing units, the City will use HOME and CDBG funds to increase and preserve the supply of affordable homeownership and rental housing units for City residents and households earning up to 80% of the area median income, including units with supportive services for extremely low-income and/or special needs populations. The City and partners shall facilitate homeownership through down-payment, closing cost assistance or other purchase programs.
2	Goal Name	Improve Quality of Occupied Housing Units
	Goal Description	High costs of maintenance of the City’s aging housing stock means many housing units in need of repair and rehabilitation. The City will use federal funds to offer grants and/or loans to qualifying private owners to rehabilitate property. Taking a blended “whole house” approach, these funds will be aligned with the City’s lead grant and other programs available in the City to holistically address lead, health and safety, code violations, energy efficiency, and aging-in-place in Providence properties. Improve the quality and condition of public housing, addressing needs unmet with public housing capital funds.
3	Goal Name	Reduce Homelessness
	Goal Description	In collaboration with the Consolidated Homeless Fund and the Continuum of Care, the City will use federal funds (CDBG, ESG, HOME-ARP) to ensure homelessness is brief, rare, and non-recurring through street outreach, intensive case management, operating funding for emergency shelters, and rapid re-housing assistance.
4	Goal Name	Increase Housing Stability Among PLWHA
	Goal Description	The City will use federal HOPWA funds to ensure that low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) obtain and maintain stable housing through support for acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of housing units; costs for facility operations; rental assistance; short-term payments to prevent homelessness; and the delivery of support services including (but not limited to) assessment and case management, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, nutritional services, job training and placement assistance, and assistance with daily living.

5	Goal Name	Improve Condition of Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Many of the City’s public-school buildings, recreation and community centers require substantial and costly repairs. The City will leverage City funds with CDBG funds in its capital improvement planning to ensure publicly-owned buildings providing critical services are safe and welcoming. Additionally, the physical condition of many of the privately-owned buildings social service agencies own and operate are in significant disrepair, require updates to meet codes (such as DCYF standards), or have emergency repair needs that impact service continuity. The City will use CDBG funds to improve these facilities so that the City's low- and moderate-income populations can continue to receive needed services. Energy-efficiency improvements that bolster long-term sustainability and improvements to foster accessibility will also be prioritized.
6	Goal Name	Improve Streetscapes & Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used to improve the physical condition and functionality of the City’s streets, roads, and sidewalks, and create more options for non-automobile transportation for convenient access to community destinations and public places, whether walking, bicycling, or taking public transportation. Public infrastructure improvements will include accessibility enhancements to ensure that those with physical disabilities are able to navigate the City safely. Additionally, the City may conduct eligible public infrastructure projects including sewer and service line upgrade projects as needed to facilitate housing or commercial development.
7	Goal Name	Improve Parks and Recreational Areas
	Goal Description	Neighborhood parks and green spaces can promote healthy lifestyles, community engagement and revitalization, economic development, environmental and social health. The City will support the creation of new and improvement of existing parks, open space, and sports fields. New and expanded community gardens and urban farms will provide opportunities for healthy eating and income generation for those wishing to grow and sell food.

8	Goal Name	Provide for Basic Needs of LMI Persons
	Goal Description	Federal funds will be used to provide for the basic, essential needs of low-income residents to address residents' social determinants of health. These essential services will be delivered to residents through community-based organizations. Services rendered shall be equitable, accessible, and culturally-sensitive to Providence populations. Priority social service programs and target populations shall include: Provision of child care and day care assistance to low- and moderate-income families in order to prepare young children for kindergarten, teach literacy skills, provide a safe early learning environment, and facilitate caregivers' employment. Educational activities and arts and cultural programs for youth that will foster their educational attainment, enhance their interest in civic life, promote pro-social behavior, and build their skills and abilities. Job skills and literacy training for the City's low-skilled, low-literacy, unemployed, and underemployed populations to build literacy and higher-level job skills, including adult basic education, GED preparation, workforce readiness training, and job skill development so that LMI residents will be better prepared for living wage employment opportunities. Provision of health and wellness activities, exercise and social activities, transportation assistance, healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured, and assistance with accessing mainstream benefits such as Medicaid, SNAP, and TANF. Provision of support and short-term emergency housing assistance for survivors of violence and those experiencing temporary housing instability.
9	Goal Name	Facilitate Small Business Development and Growth
	Goal Description	As economic development and the creation of new living-wage jobs is one of the most efficient and effective ways to reduce poverty, CDBG funds will be used to promote the creation of new or expanded business enterprises in the City. CDBG funds will be used to provide low-barrier technical assistance programs and access to capital for businesses in the City (either through direct loans or grants to community-based organizations for programming).
10	Goal Name	Effectively Administer Programs
	Goal Description	Administrative funds will support the overall management and administration of the City's CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA programs including planning, financial management, environmental review, compliance, monitoring, reporting, and other necessary activities.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Providence is an entitlement jurisdiction that receives federal funds from U.S. Housing Urban Development to invest in local communities. The funds are provided under CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA entitlement programs. All funds must primarily assist low- to moderate-income individuals, families, and households. The primary objectives of the projects listed below are to develop viable communities through the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities; reduce homelessness and support the housing and related supportive service needs for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	ESG26 Providence
3	HOME Administration
4	Public Services
5	Providence Business Loan Fund
6	Economic Development Programs
7	CDBG Occupied Housing
8	Public Facility Improvements
9	Parks, Open Space, Sports and Recreation Improvements
10	Streets, Sidewalks, and Infrastructure Improvements
11	HOME Affordable Housing
12	City of Providence (Administration) - RIH26F001
13	AIDS Care Ocean State - RIH26F001
14	Family Service of Rhode Island - RIH26F001
15	Justice Resource Institute - RIH26F001
16	Stanley Street Treatment and Resources - RIH26F001

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Allocation priorities for the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan were determined based on the level of federal funding available, extensive community engagement conducted through the citizen participation process, an assessment of needs across program areas, analysis of current data sources, the capacity

and performance of local service providers, and opportunities to leverage non-federal investments to advance program goals.

The primary barrier to meeting identified needs remains limited funding. Each year, the City issues a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) for its CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA resources. Demand consistently exceeds available funds by millions of dollars, especially in the public service category, where HUD's regulatory cap significantly restricts how much can be allocated. As a result, many high-need services are either underfunded or not funded at all, despite their demonstrated community impact.

Although Providence has made significant progress in addressing property abandonment and disinvestment stemming from the foreclosure crisis and COVID-19-era instability, many vacant and underutilized structures remain. The cost of rehabilitation— particularly for aging housing stock with environmental hazards — continues to exceed what many private developers or small property owners can absorb without subsidy. Federal resources remain a vital tool to unlock the redevelopment potential of these properties, particularly in neighborhoods hardest hit by disinvestment.

Additionally, the demand for private housing rehabilitation assistance far exceeds available funding. The City's home repair program is routinely oversubscribed, and the pipeline of eligible applicants far outpaces the annual allocation. These investments are critical for stabilizing low-income homeowners, preventing displacement, and ensuring long-term housing habitability.

Finally, land availability remains a structural constraint to new housing production. Parcels suitable for infill or new construction are scarce and are predominantly located in historically disinvested neighborhoods. While these sites present opportunities to increase housing supply, they also raise fair housing concerns about perpetuating concentrations of poverty. The City continues to explore strategies to increase site availability and align housing development with broader goals.

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Project Summary Information

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1	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area
	Goals Supported	Effectively Administer Programs
	Needs Addressed	Effective Planning & Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,043,292.00
	Description	Funds will be used for operating costs associated with the effective implementation and management of the City of Providence CDBG Program. Costs include rent, salaries, planning initiatives, fringe benefits, training costs, and other office costs.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable.
	Location Description	444 Westminster Street, Suite 3A, Providence, RI 02903
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for operating costs associated with the implementation and management of the City of Providence CDBG Program. Costs include rent, salaries, fringe benefits, planning initiatives, training costs, and other office costs.
2	Project Name	ESG26 Providence
	Target Area	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area
	Goals Supported	Reduce Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Reduce Homelessness
	Funding	ESG: \$459,410.00
	Description	The City of Providence will use HESG funds to provide direct grants to homeless service providers and for allowable administrative costs. PY2026 funds include \$459,410 in HESG.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeless or imminently homeless persons will receive case management; homeless households will receive rapid rehousing rental assistance, and a number of homeless persons will be benefitted by street outreach.
	Location Description	Rapid rehousing, street outreach, and essential services will be delivered throughout the jurisdiction of Providence.

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support rapid rehousing rental assistance, mobile street outreach, homelessness prevention and diversion programming, as well as other essential services for persons experiencing homelessness in Providence.
3	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area
	Goals Supported	Effectively Administer Programs
	Needs Addressed	Improved Parks & Recreational Opportunities Effective Planning & Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$133,121.00
	Description	10% of HOME funds shall be used for operating costs associated with implementing and managing the City's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Operating costs include rent, salaries, fringe, and office costs.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable.
	Location Description	444 Westminster Street, Suite 3A, Providence, RI 02903
	Planned Activities	Not applicable.
4	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area
	Goals Supported	Provide for Basic Needs of LMI Persons
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,071,640.00
	Description	CDBG funds will support the operations of, and service delivery by, Providence's community-based organizations who provide for the basic needs of low/moderate income individuals and families.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 27,900 low/moderate income beneficiaries are anticipated to be served by the public service activities described below.

Location Description	
	Capital City Community Center, 25 Danforth Street, Providence, RI 02908
	Community Action Partnership of Providence, 518 Hartford Avenue, Providence, RI 02909
	DaVinci Center for Community Progress, 470 Charles Street, Providence, RI 02904
	Federal Hill House, 9 Courtland Street, 02909 and 35 Swiss Street, 02908
	Providence Housing Authority, Thomas J. Anton, 100 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02903
	Silver Lake Community Center, 529 Plainfield Street, Providence, RI 02909
	Washington Park Citizens Association, 42 Jillson Street, Providence, RI 02905
	West End Community Center, 109 Bucklin Street, Providence, RI 02907
	YWCA Rhode Island, 133 Delaine Street, Providence, RI 02909
	Amos House, 460 Pine Street, Providence, RI 02907
	Better Lives RI, 12 Abbott Park Place Providence, RI 02903
	Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic, 60 Valley Street, #104, Providence, RI 02909
	College Visions, 131 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903
	Community Music Works, 1326 Westminster St, Providence, RI 02909
	DownCity Design, 425 West Fountain Street, Providence, RI 02903
	Educational Center for the Arts and Science, 57 Parkis Avenue, Providence, RI 02907
	Genesis Center, 620 Potters Avenue, Providence, RI 02907
	Higher Ground International, 250 Prairie Avenue, Providence RI 02805
	Mathewson Street UMC, 134 Mathewson Street, Providence RI 02903
	Meals on Wheels RI, 70 Bath Street, Providence RI 02908
	Mt. Hope Learning Center, 140 Cypress Street, Providence, RI 02906
	New Bridges 4 Haitian Success, 685 North Main Street, Providence RI 20904
	New Urban Arts, 705 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903

	<p>Oasis International, 600 Broad St, Providence, RI 02907</p> <p>Open Doors, 485 Plainfield Street, Providence, RI 02909</p> <p>Project Weber/RENEW, 640 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02907</p> <p>Rhode Island Free Clinic, 655 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02907</p> <p>Sojourner House, P.O. Box 28302, Providence RI 02908</p> <p>The Steelyard, 27 Sims Avenue, Providence RI 02909</p> <p>Young Voices, 204 Westminster Street, Providence RI 02903</p>
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<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>Capital City Community Center, Early Childhood and Senior Services - \$60,000.00</p> <p>Community Action Partnership of Providence - Food Pantry Operations - \$50,000.00</p> <p>DaVinci Center for Community Progress - Consolidated Social Services - \$60,000.00</p> <p>Federal Hill House - Early Childhood Services and Food Pantry Operations - \$70,000.00</p> <p>Providence Housing Authority, Thomas J. Anton - Resident Services - \$45,000.00</p> <p>Silver Lake Community Center - Childcare Program - \$45,000.00</p> <p>Washington Park Citizens Association - Childcare Program - \$45,000.00</p> <p>West End Community Center - Early Learning and Emergency Social Services - \$70,000.00</p> <p>YWCA Rhode Island - Childcare Program - \$25,000.00</p> <p>Amos House, A Hand Up Program: Job Training and Case Management Program for Homeless Individuals - \$70,000.00</p> <p>Better Lives RI - 2026 -2027 Public Servies & Community Center - Basic Needs - \$16,000.00</p> <p>Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic - Healthcare Services for the Uninsured and Underinsured - \$50,000.00</p> <p>College Visions - College Prep and Academic Support Services for Youth - \$30,000.00</p> <p>Community Music Works - Supporting First-Generation and Low-Income Students - \$15,640.00</p> <p>DownCity Design - Summer and After-School Service Learning Programs for Youth - \$20,000.00</p> <p>Educational Center for the Arts and Science - Bilingual Arts Education for Youth - \$15,000.00</p> <p>Genesis Center - Digital Literacy through the Gensis Center Financial Opportunity Center - \$20,000.00</p> <p>Higher Ground International - Culturally Appropriate Support and Services for Elders - \$25,000.00</p>
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		<p>Higher Ground International - Culturally Appropriate Food Pantry - \$20,000.00</p> <p>Mathewson Street UMC - Food Pantry Program for Vulnerable Individuals - \$20,000.00</p> <p>Meals on Wheels RI - Home-Delivered Meals to Food-Insecure Seniors - \$25,000.00</p> <p>Mt. Hope Learning Center - 2026-2027 Before and After School Supports and Enrichments - \$15,000.00</p> <p>New Bridges 4 Haitian Success - NB4HS Community Support - \$35,000.00</p> <p>New Urban Arts - 2026-2027 CDBG Public Services & Community Centers - \$15,000.00</p> <p>Oasis International - Oasis Youth Leadership Education Program - \$10,000.00</p> <p>Open Doors - 2026-2027 CDBG Public Services & Community Centers - \$25,000.00</p> <p>Project Weber/RENEW - Drop-In Center to Support People Experiencing Homelessness - 2026/2027 - \$30,000.00</p> <p>Rhode Island Free Clinic - Access to Comprehensive Healthcare for Medically Uninsured, Low-Income RI Adults - 2026 - \$60,000.00</p> <p>Sojourner House - Drop in Center for Victims of Abuse - \$25,000.00</p> <p>Sojourner House - Emergency Housing Services for Victims of Abuse - \$30,000.00</p> <p>The Steelyard - Workforce Training in Metalworking and Design for Under-employed Residents - \$15,000.00</p> <p>Young Voices - Leadership Transformation Academy - \$15,000.00</p>
5	Project Name	Providence Business Loan Fund
	Target Area	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area
	Goals Supported	Facilitate Small Business Development and Growth
	Needs Addressed	Facilitate Small Business Development & Growth
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,525,000.00
	Description	Funds will support low-interest lending to businesses that will create or retain jobs for low-income hires.
	Target Date	6/30/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Loans issued by the PBLF are anticipated to create or retain at least 40 jobs for the low- and moderate-income.
	Location Description	Businesses assisted must be located within the City of Providence.
	Planned Activities	The Providence Business Loan Fund (PBLF) will provide financing for Providence businesses for working capital, expansion, or retention of jobs for the low-income.
6	Project Name	Economic Development Programs
	Target Area	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area
	Goals Supported	Facilitate Small Business Development and Growth
	Needs Addressed	Facilitate Small Business Development & Growth
	Funding	CDBG: \$385,000.00
	Description	Economic development programs geared towards supporting and fostering small businesses and entrepreneurship.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 200 low/mod income microenterprises and entrepreneurs will be served.
	Location Description	DesignxRI, 819 Westminster St. Providence RI 02903 Genesis Center, 620 Potters Ave. Providence RI 02907 Hope & Main, 100 Westminster St. Providence, RI 02903 Rhode Island Black Business Association, 220 Smith St, Providence, RI 02908 Rhode Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 359 Broad St, Providence, RI 02907

	Planned Activities	<p>DesignxRI - Design Catalyst Program Provides Funding, Mentorship, and Training to Help Providence Design Businesses Grow, Create Jobs, and Boost the Local Creative Economy - \$150,000.00</p> <p>Genesis Center - Entrepreneurship Training and Support - \$55,000.00</p> <p>Hope & Main - Supporting Underserved Entrepreneurs to Launch Food and Beverage Businesses in Providence's Urban Core - \$40,000.00</p> <p>Rhode Island Black Business Association - Small Business Program - \$100,00.00</p> <p>Rhode Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce - Economic Development Program - \$40,000.00</p>
7	Project Name	CDBG Occupied Housing
	Target Area	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area
	Goals Supported	Improve Quality of Occupied Housing Units
	Needs Addressed	Improved Housing Quality & Habitability
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,442,360.00
	Description	Funds will be used to assist with property rehabilitation in both privately owned and public housing for low-income families and individuals.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 15 families are expected to benefit from loans issued through the City's Home Repair Program. An estimated 450 very low-income families will also benefit from improvements at three Providence Housing Authority (PHA) complexes (Chad Brown, Dexter Manor & Manton Heights) as well as projects located at The Pines (Amos House) and the Sankofa Apartments (West Elmwood HDC).
	Location Description	<p>CDBG Housing Delivery, 444 Westminster Street Suite 3A, Providence, RI 02903</p> <p>The Pines (Amos House), 428, 430 and 434 Pine Street, Providence, RI 02907</p> <p>Home Repair, 444 Westminster Street Suite 3A, Providence, RI 02903</p> <p>Chad Brown (PHA), 200 Chad Brown Street, Providence, RI 02908</p> <p>Sankofa Apartments (West Elmwood HDC), 215 Dexter St, Providence, RI 02907</p>

	Planned Activities	<p>CDBG Housing Delivery - Loan Servicing, Application Intake, Referrals and Specialized Services (ex. Engineering) Related to Rehab Loans - \$60,000.00</p> <p>The Pines (Amos House) - Rehabilitation of Three Residential Properties - \$657,360.00</p> <p>Home Repair - Support the Provision of 15 (est.) 0%, Deferred Payment Loans to Eligible Homeowners Throughout the City of Providence - \$250,000.00</p> <p>Chad Brown (PHA) - Redevelopment of a Building into Affordable Housing Rental Units - \$200,000.00</p> <p>Sankofa Apartments (West Elmwood HDC) - Boiler Replacement - \$275,000.00</p>
8	Project Name	Public Facility Improvements
	Target Area	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area
	Goals Supported	Improve Condition of Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$894,170.00
	Description	Funds will be used for improvements to public facilities (such as improvements to community centers, neighborhood recreation centers, and other service agencies).
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is anticipated that 100,000 Providence families will potentially benefit from the proposed improvements to the facilities listed below. These facilities serve and are open to the general public in predominately lowincome neighborhoods, or provide direct specialized services for persons with disabilities, persons experiencing homelessness, youths and families.

	Location Description	<p>Southside Boys & Girls Club, 1 Louisa St, Providence, RI 02905</p> <p>Community Libraries of Providence: Smith Hill Library, 31 Candace St, Providence, RI 02908</p> <p>Crossroads, 162 Broad Street Providence RI 02903</p> <p>Da Vinci Center-Community Progress, 470 Charles St, Providence, RI 02904</p> <p>Operation Stand Down, 5 Convent Street, Providence, RI 02908</p> <p>Codding Court (PHA), 142 Dodge St, Providence, RI 02907</p> <p>Dexter Manor (PHA), 100 Broad St, Providence, RI 02903</p> <p>Manton Heights (PHA), 31 Salmon St, Providence, RI 02909</p> <p>Matthewson Street Church, 134 Matthewson St. Providence RI 02903</p> <p>Hope High School, 324 Hope St. Providence RI 02906</p> <p>Community Libraries of Providence: Wanskuck Library, 233 Veazie St, Providence, RI 02904</p>
	Planned Activities	<p>Southside Boys & Girls Club - Oil Tank Removal - \$100,000.00</p> <p>Community Libraries of Providence: Smith Hill Library - Upgraded Fire System - \$100,000.00</p> <p>Crossroads - Upgraded Fire System - \$79,170.00</p> <p>Da Vinci Center-Community Progress - Building Safety Repairs - \$175,000.00</p> <p>Operation Stand Down - Boiler Replacement - \$40,000.00</p> <p>Codding Court (PHA) - Boiler Replacement - \$100,000.00</p> <p>Dexter Manor (PHA) - Facility Improvements - \$25,000.00</p> <p>Manton Heights (PHA) - Facility Improvements - \$25,000.00</p> <p>Matthewson Street Church - Facility Improvements - \$25,000.00</p> <p>Hope High School - Facility Improvements - \$50,000.00</p> <p>Community Libraries of Providence: Wanskuck Library - Facility Improvements - \$50,000.00</p> <p>Project Contingency - \$75,000.00</p>
9	Project Name	Parks, Open Space, Sports and Recreation Improvements
	Target Area	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area
	Goals Supported	Improve Parks and Recreational Areas

	Needs Addressed	Improved Parks & Recreational Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$310,000.00
	Description	Funds will be used for improvements to parks, play spaces, open space, and recreation fields utilized by Providence neighborhood residents.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 18,000 low/moderate income residents will benefit from improvements to neighborhood parks, play spaces, open spaces, and recreational fields.
	Location Description	Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council - 100 Heath St, Providence, RI 02909 Billy Taylor Park, 124 Camp St. Providence RI 02906 JT Owens Field, 350 Niantic Ave, Providence, RI 02907 Clarence Street Park, 220 Clarence St, Providence, RI 02909
	Planned Activities	Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council - Park and Greenway Accessibility for Olneyville, Silver Lake, Hartford, Manton Residents - \$160,000.00 Billy Taylor Park - Capital Improvements - \$50,000.00 JT Owens Field - Capital Improvements - \$50,000.00 Clarence Street Park - Capital Improvements - \$50,000.00
10	Project Name	Streets, Sidewalks, and Infrastructure Improvements
	Target Area	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area
	Goals Supported	Improve Streetscapes & Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000.00
	Description	Funds will be used for improvements to streets, sidewalks, and other public infrastructure to eliminate accessibility barriers and improve walkability and safety in low/moderate-income Providence neighborhoods.
	Target Date	6/30/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will be used for improvements to streets, sidewalks, and other public infrastructure to eliminate accessibility barriers and improve walkability and safety in low/moderate-income Providence neighborhoods.
	Location Description	Various, eligible areas in Ward 4, Ward 5, Ward 9, Ward 11 and Ward 13. Along with a wayfinding sign project in various areas of Ward 10.
	Planned Activities	Ward 4 - Streetscape Improvements - \$50,000.00 Ward 5 - Streetscape Improvements - \$50,000.00 Ward 9 - Streetscape Improvements - \$50,000.00 Ward 10 - Wayfinding Signage - \$50,000.00 Ward 11 - Streetscape Improvements - \$50,000.00 Ward 13 - Streetscape Improvements - \$50,000.00
11	Project Name	HOME Affordable Housing
	Target Area	Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area
	Goals Supported	Increase Availability of Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$1,198,096.60
	Description	Funds will be utilized for new construction of homeownership and rental housing as well as rehabilitation of housing to create new, deed-restricted affordable housing opportunities for the low/moderate income.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 100 individuals and families will benefit from the creation of deed restricted, affordable rental and homeownership units as well as a Downpayment Assistance Program to promote homeownership.
	Location Description	Crossroads Rhode Island - 162 Broad St, Providence, RI 02903 Downpayment Assistance Program - Citywide
Planned Activities	Crossroads Rhode Island - Domestic Violence Shelter Improvements - \$650,000.00 Downpayment Assistance Program - Providing downpayment assistance to qualified homebuyers to help promote Homeownership in the City - \$548,096.60	
Project Name	City of Providence (Administration) - RIH26F001	

12	Target Area	Providence - Fall River - New Bedford EMSA
	Goals Supported	Effectively Administer Programs
	Needs Addressed	Effective Planning & Administration
	Funding	HOPWA: \$47,741.00
	Description	Funds will be used to fund grantee HOPWA program administration.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable.
	Location Description	444 Westminster Street, Suite 3A, Providence, RI 02903
	Planned Activities	Not applicable.
	13	Project Name
Target Area		Providence - Fall River - New Bedford EMSA
Goals Supported		Increase Housing Stability Among PLWHA
Needs Addressed		Housing & Support Services for PLWHA
Funding		HOPWA: \$1,093,633.00
Description		Funds will be used for facility-based housing assistance, operating costs for supportive housing units, and supportive services.
Target Date		6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities		Target populations are low-income individuals who are living with HIV/AIDS and their families, individuals who are homeless and are at risk of homelessness, and those who have special needs. These families, youth and individuals, and those with mental health related issues are the populations most in need of HIV housing assistance and supportive services. Leased units: 49
Location Description		Scattered sites in EMSA.
Planned Activities		Facility Based Rental Assistance and including Operating costs associated with housing support, supportive services for people with HIV/AIDS.
14	Project Name	Family Service of Rhode Island - RIH26F001
	Target Area	Providence - Fall River - New Bedford EMSA

	Goals Supported	Increase Housing Stability Among PLWHA
	Needs Addressed	Housing & Support Services for PLWHA
	Funding	HOPWA: \$50,000.00
	Description	HOPWA funds will be used to provide supportive services to clients living with HIV/AIDS.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 40 clients living with HIV/AIDS and their families will benefit from an array of supportive services provided by Family Service of Rhode Island.
	Location Description	9 Pleasant Street, Providence, RI 02906
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for supportive services.
15	Project Name	Justice Resource Institute - RIH26F001
	Target Area	Providence - Fall River - New Bedford EMSA
	Goals Supported	Increase Housing Stability Among PLWHA
	Needs Addressed	Housing & Support Services for PLWHA
	Funding	HOPWA: \$300,000.00
	Description	Funds will be used for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and Supportive Services.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will be used for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and Supportive Services. Tenant Based Rental Assistance -22 Supportive Services-30
	Location Description	EMSA area.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and Supportive Services.
16	Project Name	Stanley Street Treatment and Resources - RIH26F001
	Target Area	Providence - Fall River - New Bedford EMSA
	Goals Supported	Increase Housing Stability Among PLWHA
	Needs Addressed	Housing & Support Services for PLWHA
	Funding	HOPWA: \$100,000.00

Description	Funds will be used for Project Aware supportive services.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>Target populations are low-income individuals who are living with HIV/AIDS and their families, individuals who are homeless and are at risk of homelessness, and those who have special needs. These families, youth and individuals, and those with mental health related issues are the populations most in need of HIV housing assistance and supportive services.</p> <p>Supportive Services: 110 households to be served.</p>
Location Description	EMSA area.
Planned Activities	Supportive services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The geographic priority is city-wide. CDBG, HOME, and ESG projects and activities reach into every low-and-moderate-income area of the City. HOPWA funding supports operations throughout the Providence - Fall River - New Bedford EMSA.

With limited exception, most neighborhoods throughout the City of Providence have areas with low-to-moderate-income populations. As such, the geographic allocation of resources will be fairly dispersed throughout the City, albeit targeting the most economically distressed areas of the City's neighborhoods. Fundamentally, the City has focused its strategies to assist low-to-moderate-income residents regardless of where they live.

The areas of concentration for minorities in Providence are located in the Upper South Providence, Lower South Providence, West End and Olneyville neighborhoods. Providence is a multicultural community in which communities of color comprise the majority of the population, with White, non-Hispanic residents accounting for only 33.1% of the City's population. As such, assistance is targeted throughout the City's low-income neighborhoods.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Community Wide - Entire City Geographic Area	82
Providence - Fall River - New Bedford EMSA	18

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

With limited exception, most neighborhoods throughout the City of Providence have areas with low- to moderate-income populations. The City of Providence does not currently have a designated or HUD approved geographic target area. Over 62% of the population of Providence is low- to-moderate-income under HUD's Low- and Moderate-Income Summary Data. These individuals and households are spread throughout the City.

Discussion

As discussed above, the geographic allocation of resources will be fairly dispersed throughout the City, albeit targeting the most economically distressed areas of the City's neighborhoods and the most economically marginalized persons living in those neighborhoods. Fundamentally, the City has focused

its strategies to assist low- to moderate-income residents regardless of where they live.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Documented in this Action Plan, the City is expecting to allocate funds to support affordable housing projects for the homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households in the 2026 Program Year.

CDBG funds in the amount of \$400,000 will support the following:

Home Repair Program - \$250,000.00

The City will solicit applications from income-qualified homeowners and renters to provide deferred payment home repair loans. This program plays a critical role in preserving the City's aging housing stock and ensuring that residents—particularly low- and moderate-income households—can live safely and with dignity. Funding will be used to address urgent health and safety repairs, such as fixing leaking roofs, addressing code violations, improving accessibility, and remediating lead or mold hazards. By investing in existing homes, the program helps prevent displacement, supports aging in place for seniors and residents with disabilities, and maintains affordability in neighborhoods at risk of gentrification. In addition to improving housing quality, the program strengthens neighborhood stability and supports long-term community resilience.

Public Housing Improvements - \$150,000.00

Funding will support critical health and safety upgrades at Manton Heights, Dexter Manor, and Coddling Court. All public housing facilities that serve low-income families. These improvements will help ensure residents have safe, stable, and dignified living conditions while preserving long-term affordability in public housing.

HOME funds in the amount of \$1,198,096.60 will tentatively support the development of the following:

Crossroads: redeveloping 192 outdated SRO and studio units into 97 modern apartments for individuals who are homeless, have special needs, and earn 30% AMI or below.

Downpayment Assistance Program: The City will provide down payment and closing cost assistance of up to \$20,000 to approximately 25 income-eligible households to increase access to homeownership opportunities. This program helps reduce financial barriers to purchasing a home, promotes long-term housing stability, and supports neighborhood investment throughout the City.

Note: all tentative, project-specific HOME commitments proposed above are subject to further underwriting and HUD approval under Part 92 of the federal regulations prior to final City approval and

contracting.

HOPWA funds in the amount of \$1,543,633 will support the following:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance = 22 households

Facility Based Rental Assistance= 49 households

Total: 71 Special Needs Households Provided Housing Assistance

ESG funds in the amount of \$424,955.00 will support the following:

Rapid rehousing rental assistance, administration and services for those experiencing homelessness within the jurisdiction of Providence.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	29
Non-Homeless	68
Special-Needs	0
Total	97

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	97
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	97

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

It should be noted that not all goals identified above are likely to be met entirely within the 2026-2027 program year, as certain affordable housing development projects have a longer timeline.

"Number of Households to be Supported" figures do not include HOPWA households receiving tenant- or facility-based housing assistance (71).

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Providence continues to support the operation of the Thomas J. Anton Community Center at Hartford Park. Through annual funding for public service activities, the Department of Resident Services offers adult education, family self-sufficiency programming, financial coaching, income support, and employment services. In 2026, the Providence Housing Authority will invest \$8.6 million through its Capital Fund for ongoing modernization needs, including critical upgrades to improve safety, energy efficiency, and accessibility across its developments. However, capital needs continue to exceed available federal funding, and the PHA will pursue additional resources—including CDBG funds—to enhance facilities and services for public housing residents.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The City will address some of the extensive needs discussed above by extending its commitment to fund service operations at the Thomas J. Anton Community Center at Hartford Park, as well as providing \$150,000.00 in CDBG to address needed facility and safety upgrades for Manton Heights, Dexter Manor and Coddington Court. Improvements include boiler replacement and other facility improvements.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The PHA established the position of Resident Engagement Coordinator in 2024 to support the strengthening of the Resident Advisory Board (RAB), the maintenance of existing and formation of new Resident Associations, the revitalization of Planning Committees, fostering resident leadership, and increasing resident participation. RAB members are nominated to serve by their neighbors at their respective developments. In 2022, the PHA expanded membership of the RAB to include representatives of families participating in Section 8 Program. Every two years, RAB members are nominated and elected to serve by their neighbors at their respective developments. The formal role of the RAB is to advise the PHA in the development of its Annual Plan submission to HUD.

RAB members also play an important role in policy development and sharing information about PHA programs and policies with their fellow residents and often lead recreational and community building activities in their home developments. Members are active participants in monthly RAB meetings with PHA that include updates from staff and RAB members, presentations by outside organizations, discussions, and leadership development. The PHA has two Resident Associations, the Hartford Park Resident Association, and the Carroll Tower Tenant Council; the presidents of these organizations also serve as members of the RAB. The Providence Housing Authority continues to cultivate resident Planning Committees at each public housing development as a strategy for engaging residents and fostering resident leadership. The PHA's Resident Engagement Coordinator works closely with RAB, Tenant Associations and Planning Committee members to maintain open lines of communication

and develop collaborative projects and initiatives.

Mental and Behavioral Health: This includes short-term counseling and crisis intervention services.

Victim of Crime Program: Advocacy for victims of crime, relocation assistance, and safety planning.

Community Health Worker Program: Health advocacy, health education workshops, and substance use assistance.

Resident Service Coordinator (RSC) Program: Coordination of general social services and case management. Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program: A five-year initiative that supports financial independence through employment and increased earned income, with an escrow savings plan available as an incentive.

Jobs Plus Providence (JPP) Program: A four-year workforce development program that provides job training and employment support, with an Earned Income Disregard (EID) incentive for Chad Brown and Admiral Terrace residents.

Employment Services for Adults and Youth: Includes financial coaching, job readiness training, job search and placement assistance, and job retention services.

Adult Education Program: Offers programs such as ESL, ABE/GED, and digital literacy.

The Providence Housing Authority is also a HUD-certified Housing Counseling Agency, and provides qualified guidance to clients exploring homeownership, as well as pre- and post-purchase counseling.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Not applicable, Providence Housing Authority is not designated as a troubled PHA.

Discussion

The PHA has completed their five-year plan and also its annual capital improvement plan. They also have published a draft annual plan for 2026. The City continues to engage the PHA to discuss funding priorities and the urgent rehabilitation needs in relation to other competing needs throughout the City.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The City's partnership and funding alignment with both the Consolidated Homeless Fund and the Rhode Island Continuum of Care offers a unique opportunity for better coordination among several different programs and funding streams to address homelessness in a strategic, targeted, and systematic way. The network of providers of services and housing for the homeless in the City and State is strong and robust; however, it has not been as coordinated and integrated as it could be. Collaboratively, major strides have been taken to improve collaboration, including development and adoption of a universal coordinated entry policy, as well as system standards for funding evaluation, performance, VI-SPDAT and HMIS, and standards for case management.

The State's plan, "RI 2030" details how Rhode Island continues to advance a comprehensive, housing-focused strategy to address homelessness through significant investments in emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, permanent supportive housing, and coordinated access to services. In 2025, the State awarded approximately \$20.4 million through the Consolidated Homelessness Fund to support emergency shelters, essential services, and housing-focused initiatives, while also investing an additional \$2 million to expand seasonal shelter capacity. The State has strengthened its coordinated response by establishing a network of seven Regional Access Points (RAPs), providing streamlined access to emergency shelter, case management, behavioral health services, diversion assistance, and housing navigation.

The State continues to prioritize a Housing First approach by expanding permanent supportive housing opportunities, including investments in Crossroads Rhode Island's Health & Housing Apartments, while supporting homelessness prevention through rental assistance, eviction prevention, and housing stability programs. Looking ahead, Rhode Island plans to build upon these efforts by developing a comprehensive, multi-year strategy to ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring through continued collaboration with municipalities, nonprofit organizations, faith-based partners, and the private sector. The State also plans to strengthen housing stability initiatives, expand services for high-need populations, and continue investing in shelter diversion and homelessness prevention programs that reduce reliance on emergency shelter while promoting long-term housing stability.

It is important to note that the City blends funding strategically with other sources of funds and consolidates its funds into a small number of projects rather than fund a large number of projects with smaller ESG grants. The City's ESG funds are aggregated with ESG funds from Pawtucket, Woonsocket, and the State, as well as Title XX Shelter/Homeless Service Funds and the Housing Resource Commission Shelter/Homeless Service Funds. As such, the City looks at the Consolidated Homeless Fund's entire allocation and assigns funding to minimize the level of resources required to monitor compliance and reduce administrative burden to funders and agencies alike.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness

including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

There are several agencies that conduct outreach efforts in the City of Providence. In collaboration with the Rhode Island Continuum of Care and the Consolidated Homeless Fund, the City uses its Federal Emergency Shelter Grants to support outreach efforts and case management services to connect the unsheltered homeless population with emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent housing, and the supportive services necessary to maintain their housing. To better coordinate outreach efforts, the City has insisted that any agency that engages in outreach efforts coordinate those efforts with other agencies to avoid duplication and inefficiency.

As part of the broader efforts to eliminate chronic homelessness, the City supports agencies that engage hard-to-reach homeless persons living on the street, individuals existing the criminal justice system or aging out of the foster care system, homeless veterans, and individuals with substance abuse or mental health issues. Through the Downtown Safety Outreach Collaboration, chronic homeless individuals are identified in order to provide this information to agencies so that services can be brought to bear to address their individual needs.

For the 2026 Program Year, the City will be funding essential services, including street outreach, through which providers will seek out and engage homeless persons living on the streets or in encampments. This street outreach and case management will include assessments of the needs of homeless individuals. Street outreach and essential services will also include staff costs associated with case management, intake, HMIS reporting, as well as services pertaining to employment, mental health care, education, and substance abuse counseling. Services will be accessible on a drop-in basis, as well as for those individuals seeking more intensive services through a mobile outreach unit.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Providence continues to address the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness through strong partnerships with local service providers and the State's coordinated homelessness response system. Crossroads Rhode Island operates the City's primary emergency shelter for homeless families, providing safe, accessible temporary housing and comprehensive case management services. The shelter is designed to accommodate families of varying sizes while minimizing family separation, with the goal of transitioning households into permanent housing as quickly as possible. Case management is tailored to each family's needs, connecting households to rapid rehousing assistance, permanent supportive housing, financial assistance, and other supportive services that address the underlying causes of homelessness and promote long-term housing stability.

The City also supports outreach and engagement efforts for individuals experiencing unsheltered

homelessness. In partnership with House of Hope CDC, Providence continues to deploy a mobile outreach unit that provides street-based case management, medical services, showers, laundry facilities, hygiene supplies, and connections to emergency shelter, behavioral health services, and permanent housing resources. These efforts complement Rhode Island's coordinated entry system and Regional Access Points (RAPs), which provide streamlined access to emergency shelter, diversion services, housing navigation, and other critical resources. Together, these initiatives reflect the City's continued commitment to a Housing First approach that prioritizes rapid placement into stable housing while ensuring individuals and families have access to the supportive services necessary to achieve long-term housing stability.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

Rental assistance will be provided to homeless households throughout the City, along with essential services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, particularly those who are newly or chronically homeless, families with children, veterans, unaccompanied youth, persons in recovery and/or living with substance use disorders, formerly incarcerated individuals, and persons with physical or mental health conditions. The City and its partners will continue to prioritize rapid placement into permanent housing through a Housing First approach, while providing case management, housing navigation, and supportive services that help households achieve long-term housing stability and independent living. Efforts will focus on shortening the length of time individuals and families experience homelessness, increasing access to affordable housing opportunities, and preventing returns to homelessness through ongoing housing stabilization and homelessness prevention services.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

All HUD-funded programs include financial eligibility criteria and are targeted to low-income households. Local providers such as Crossroads Rhode Island and Providence In-Town Churches known as Better Lives offer essential services to prevent homelessness and work closely with other service providers like Open Doors to assist formerly incarcerated young adult males who are at risk of homelessness and to connect them with other programs as in subsidized transitional housing, addiction

treatment programs, mental health facilities who will otherwise be homeless or living in highly unstable housing after release into stable, sustainable housing.

Homeless prevention initiatives are centered on short and long term initiatives. The long term strategy, on the other hand, is to facilitate employment and increase support networks as a means to preventing homelessness or return to homelessness. By preventing homelessness and supporting homeless services and outreach efforts, the City aims to identify and target those individuals and families who would otherwise become homeless without timely assistance. Supportive services and housing assistance for the special needs population are particularly important because of their vulnerability to homelessness.

Discussion

N/A.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (I)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	0
Tenant-based rental assistance	22
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	49
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	71

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

The City of Providence participated in the development of the 2025 Statewide Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), in collaboration with the State of Rhode Island and fellow HUD entitlement communities, including Cranston, East Providence, Pawtucket, Warwick, and Woonsocket. The AI was coordinated and prepared in partnership with Rhode Island Housing, building on a longstanding commitment to advancing access to housing throughout the state.

Rhode Island's compact geography and interconnected housing and labor markets make a statewide approach to fair housing both practical and necessary. The regional AI reflects this by addressing systemic barriers that cross municipal boundaries, including exclusionary zoning, racial and ethnic segregation, and disparities in access to opportunity. The State's planning and policy framework, including legislated housing affordability goals and comprehensive planning requirements, reinforces this regional strategy.

The AI includes data analysis and community input highlighting persistent fair housing challenges, such as housing cost burdens, displacement pressures, and limited access to high-opportunity neighborhoods. It identifies contributing factors and outlines goals and strategies to further fair housing—both by expanding access to affordable housing in well-resourced areas and by reinvesting in historically underserved communities.

The City of Providence will use the findings and recommendations of the 2025 Regional AI to guide fair housing strategies, funding priorities, and program implementation over the Consolidated Plan period.

The City of Providence has consulted with various organizations to update its previously identified impediments. Providence supported this regional approach as many impediments are beyond the authority or financial capability of the City of Providence to address alone, such as economic conditions, limited transportation options, insufficient state or federal resources for the development of affordable housing, fair housing enforcement, cost and availability of property insurance, and more. Addressing these impediments requires the collaboration of the municipalities, state and federal funding agencies, fair housing service providers, lenders, real estate professionals, and other state agencies.

During Program Year 2026, the City will continue to coordinate with state, regional, and local partners to implement the recommendations of the 2025 Regional Analysis of Impediments. The City will prioritize investments that expand affordable housing opportunities, preserve existing housing, support fair housing education and outreach, and reduce barriers to housing choice identified through the regional planning process.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning

ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The City of Providence remains committed to addressing regulatory, procedural, and structural barriers that restrict housing access and affordability. In 2026, the City will pursue the following strategies:

Language Access Implementation: Following the adoption of a Language Access Plan and Toolkit, the City is expanding translation of public documents, multilingual communications capacity, and on-call interpretation services. These efforts promote inclusive access to housing programs and public processes for residents with limited English proficiency. **Tenant Legal Aid and Anti-Discrimination Measures:** The City supports expanded legal representation for low-income tenants in Housing Court and ongoing partnerships with RI Legal Services and the RI Center for Justice. These services protect residents from unlawful evictions and housing discrimination. The City is also advancing local fair housing legislation to expand protected classes—such as source of income—and improve enforcement mechanisms. In addition, the City has committed General Fund resources to support an eviction defense program that provides legal assistance to eligible tenants facing eviction, as well as a landlord education program that promotes fair housing compliance, landlord-tenant education, and best practices for maintaining quality rental housing. **RENT Fund:** During Program Year 2026, the City has committed General Fund resources to support the RENT Fund, which provides financial assistance of up to \$3,000 to eligible households for rental arrears, first and last month's rent, past due mortgage or utility arrearages. The program helps households remain stably housed, prevents evictions and homelessness, and assists residents in overcoming financial barriers to securing and maintaining affordable housing. **Home Repair Program:** Through CDBG funding, the City will continue offering deferred-payment, zero-interest home repair loans for income-qualified homeowners and renters. This program addresses hazardous housing conditions, helps seniors and residents with disabilities age in place, and supports housing preservation citywide amid rising construction costs. **Public Land Disposition for Affordable Housing:** The Providence Redevelopment Agency (PRA) continues to make publicly owned properties available for redevelopment through an RFP process that prioritizes affordability, community benefits, and the use of small contractors. The PRA also permits land banking without a holding fee to enable long-term planning and predevelopment. **Regional and Intergovernmental Coordination:** The City aligns its local strategies with the 2025 Statewide Regional AI, the Anti-Displacement and Comprehensive Housing Strategy, and the updated Comprehensive Plan, which all emphasize equitable land use, inclusive zoning, and expansion of affordable housing opportunities in high-opportunity areas. **Zoning and Policy Reforms:** To increase housing supply and remove barriers to affordability, the City has updated its Zoning Ordinance to allow greater density in transit-oriented development (TOD) districts, expanded commercial historic districts to increase eligibility for state and federal historic tax credits that support adaptive reuse for housing, enacted height bonuses for developments that include affordable housing units, and established a dedicated funding stream for the Providence Affordable Housing Trust Fund through a portion of Tax Stabilization Agreement revenues. These actions further fair housing, reduce regulatory barriers, and support equitable housing development throughout the

City.

Discussion:

The City of Providence’s relationship with the State Executive Office of Housing, RI Attorney General, US Attorney, and RI Commission for Human Rights allows for periodic communication regarding fair housing strategies. Further, the City will continue to be a strong partner in the HomesRI Initiative, a cross-sector coalition seeking to transform the state’s under-resourced affordable housing system and create a common agenda to increase the supply of safe, healthy and affordable housing throughout Rhode Island, equitably reducing the housing cost burden for low and moderate income residents over the next decade. Partners are concentrating work efforts in four key areas: increasing community engagement in affordable housing issues, reducing high development costs, increasing investment and building capacity in the affordable housing “system”, and making existing homes safer, healthier, and more affordable to maintain.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Providence continually seeks to increase the beneficial impact to low- and moderate-income individuals of all programs and activities that are funded with CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG funds. In addition to the specific activities detailed below, the Division of Housing and Community Development will be more pro-active in responding to any and all programmatic challenges experienced by subrecipients as they may arise throughout the program year in order to ensure that any problems that may diminish the intended benefit of grants is corrected or reduced as soon as possible.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Providence recognizes persistent gaps in service delivery for underserved populations, particularly those experiencing homelessness, housing instability, economic insecurity, and limited access to healthcare, food, and legal assistance. To address these challenges, the City will prioritize funding and coordination in the following ways:

Targeted CDBG Public Service Investments: The City will continue to use its CDBG public service funding to support agencies providing critical services to low- and moderate-income households, with a focus on food access, case management, job training, youth services, housing navigation, and eviction prevention.

Housing Resource Coordination: The City continues to fund a Housing Resource Coordinator position to assist residents in accessing available programs and services, including home repair, rental assistance, and housing navigation. This role will help streamline referrals and improve service coordination across agencies as well as connect with the various homeless service providers in the City to coordinate services for unhoused residents.

Eviction Defense and Tenant Legal Support: Recognizing the impact of eviction on low-income households, the City will continue to partner with RI Legal Services to reduce displacement, enforce tenant rights, and ensure safe housing conditions. For the first time in Program Year 2026, the City has also committed General Fund resources to support an eviction defense program, expanding access to legal representation for eligible tenants facing eviction and strengthening the City's homelessness prevention efforts.

Language Access Implementation: To improve access to services, the City is expanding its translation and interpretation capabilities as part of its Language Access Plan, ensuring that residents who speak languages other than English can meaningfully participate in public programs and housing opportunities.

Data-Driven Prioritization: Through enhanced data collection, public consultation, and coordination

with local service providers, the City will assess where gaps in service remain and prioritize funding for organizations addressing unmet needs. This includes reviewing performance outcomes and aligning funding with goals established in the Comprehensive Plan and Regional Analysis of Impediments.

These actions reflect the City's commitment to more equitable resource distribution, reduced service fragmentation, and support for organizations serving those most at risk of housing insecurity and poverty.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue its effort to rehabilitate, preserve, and create new affordable housing in the City, with an emphasis on identifying new areas of the City that would allow for mixed-use and mixed-income developments in higher income neighborhoods and Census tracts. The primary funds for these initiatives will be CDBG and HOME funding. The City will use CDBG and HOME funds to leverage other financing (state, federal, and local) to enable the construction and preservation of affordable units. Further, the City will continue to prioritize the construction of mixed-income and affordable units when reviewing development proposals for the hundreds of vacant and abandoned properties that are being redeveloped. Units constructed or assisted by the City will have their affordability preserved via long-term deed restriction.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Providence, through its Housing and Community Development Division (DHCD), has developed a comprehensive and cohesive Lead Safe Providence Program (LSPP) to coordinate lead hazard reduction with existing housing programs to integrate HUD-funded lead poisoning prevention and "Healthy Homes" interventions. The DHCD has experience in successfully operating its current HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grant (RILHD0557-24), as well as 8 total prior HUD Lead Hazard Control Grants (Since 1999: RILHD0455-20, RILHD0310-17, RILHD0263-14, RILHB0490-10, RILHD0190-08, RILHB0402-08, RILHD0033-04, RILHB0227-02, RILHR0123-98, RILHH0071-99). Under its current grant, the City is making 190 units lead safe, healthy, and energy efficient. The \$6,567,260 grant-funded LSPP is providing matching funds of \$661,276.51 from its public, private, and community-based partners by grant close-out in 2029.

Using the experience gained from successfully managing its previous and existing HUD Lead Grant Programs, the Lead Safe Providence Program utilizes a dynamic program to:

Perform lead hazard reduction (interim controls) interventions;

Provide free lead inspections/risk assessments for owners to identify lead hazards;

Complete Healthy Homes interventions in Program units; Complete leverage funded Weatherization

interventions in Program units;

Conduct over outreach and education events that support the goal of reaching thousands of residents, health care providers, community organizations, FBOs, property owners, realtors and contractors;

Provide job training and increased contractor capacity by providing Free Lead Worker trainings and certifications as well as Green & Healthy Homes jobs training;

Operate a LSPP HEPA-Vacuum Loan Program;

Support an existing Lead Safe Housing Registry of available healthy/lead certified rental properties to distribute regularly to community residents who are seeking safer housing;

Utilize the HUD Healthy Homes Rating System (HHRM) and tablet computer for efficient field assessments and Scope of Work development for Healthy Homes interventions;

Expand the integrated Green & Healthy Housing Initiative Providence model to produce comprehensive interventions and create more sustainable units.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Adult Basic Education, Literacy, and GED Training: Working various organizations, the City will engage low-literacy adults and newcomer populations in English language programs to ensure they have the language skills to be full participants in the local and regional economy.

Job Training and Skill Development: Working with Amos House & Building Futures, as well as other organizations and in coordination with the public workforce system, the City will bolster workforce development efforts to build job skills among low-income Providence residents.

Youth Training and Summer Youth Employment: Every summer, the City of Providence, in collaboration with the Governor's Workforce Board and the RI Department of Human Services, offers summer employment to help teenagers and young adults develop job skills, learn positive work habits, and stay engaged in the community. These Providence youth work as seasonal employees of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or are employed by one of the many employer partners including AS220, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Providence, Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island, the Institute for the Study & Practice of Non-Violence, Rhode Island Hospital/Lifespan, the Rhode Island Parent Information Network, Young Voices, or Youth in Action.

Increase Access to Work Supports: The City will help promote Providence residents signing up for work support programs, such as child care subsidies, Rite Care health insurance, SNAP benefits, the Earned Income Tax Credit, and RI Works through partnerships with community centers and public service organizations. Increased work supports help low-wage families meet their basic needs and move toward

financial security.

Support for New and Existing Businesses: Working with the DesignxRI and RI Black Business Association, the City will provide funds for technical assistance to get low-income, Spanish-speaking, and microbusinesses and entrepreneurs "credit ready" and primed for growth. The City also continues to support Providence businesses through low-interest Providence Business Loan Fund (PBLF) loans, which provide flexible lending with the goals of fostering local business growth and increased job creation/retention for low/mod employees. The City will also support new businesses and entrepreneurs through the provision of small grants or loans for new or existing business owners who are income eligible through the DesignxRI program.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Providence continues to benefit from a strong network of agencies and organizations providing vital housing, economic, and social services to residents in need. This includes community development corporations (CDCs), non-profit housing developers, service providers, human services and shelter organizations, and groups supporting special populations such as seniors and individuals with disabilities. These agencies are supported through a mix of public and private funding.

However, despite the abundance of organizations, many continue to face resource constraints, competition for limited funding, and overlapping service delivery. A lack of coordination can hinder the overall effectiveness of the system. To address this, the Division of Housing and Community Development is advancing efforts to improve service alignment and collaboration, including plans to create a centralized, searchable database of providers, services offered, and populations served.

With a growing emphasis on compliance with local, state, and federal regulations—and an increased focus on tracking outcomes rather than outputs—the City expects that these efforts will strengthen both impact and organizational capacity. Through continued engagement with subrecipients, proactive outreach, technical assistance, and targeted capacity-building efforts, the City aims to enhance the overall service delivery ecosystem. As federal funding continues to decline, Providence will remain focused on maximizing results and measuring the return on investment for its limited resources.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City hosts and participates in regular focus groups and working sessions with agencies, organizations, and providers to better coordinate programming and align resources to create a holistic and targeted offering of services that account for the myriad needs found in particular neighborhoods. By working in partnership with locally-based providers and community development organizations, the City can actively promote the coordination of services. With the ongoing reduction in resources from the Federal government, the City needs to highlight efficiency and maximum value creation to deliver long-

term impact in a strategic way.

Discussion:

The Division of Housing and Community Development, with active support of the Mayor's Office and the City Council, has sought to change the nature of CDBG investments away from a large number of small dollar grants of marginal and diminishing value to a smaller number of larger grants to allow for more transformational place-based projects and strategic programs. As the resources allocated to the City continue to decrease, maintaining a commitment to progress in this area continues to grow in importance.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

The total level of expected resources available to the City for community development activities located in this Action Plan can be found in AP-15. With the exception of Section 108 loan repayment, delivery, and administrative costs, all CDBG funds will directly benefit low- and moderate-income Providence residents in the 2026-2027 Program Year.

A description of program specific requirements for the HOME, HOPWA, and ESG programs, and the City's applicable policies to meet these requirements, also follows.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

Not applicable. The City's HOME Program and associated activities are not utilizing any forms of investment not covered by Section 92.205. All investments are identified under the 92.205 section of the regulation.

The City's HOME program requires recipient organizations to contribute at least 25 percent of the value of the HOME award as a contribution match as a condition of the award in order to satisfy HUD regulations without financial impact to the City.

In 2024, Rhode Island voters approved a \$120 million housing bond to fund affordable housing development, preservation, and supportive housing. Providence developers are expected to leverage these funds alongside City HOME dollars, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and financing from RIHousing and local banks. The City's Housing Trust, supported by bond and ARPA funds, will also continue to provide critical gap financing for affordable housing projects.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The City of Providence will use a homebuyer subsidy with the Recapture method to recover HOME funds from projects that fail to meet the minimum affordability requirements. This allows an income-restricted unit to be sold and the homeowner bearing the responsibility of repayment of the HOME funds that supported the homebuyer's original purchase. The proceeds from the repayment of the HOME subsidy will go to support an additional project.

To ensure that the City recovers a reasonable amount of the HOME Program funds from the sale, transfer, foreclosure, or conveyance of a subsidized property within the minimum federally-required affordability period, the following recapture provisions will be made an express covenant of the borrower applicable to the loan:

If the mortgaged property is sold, refinanced, conveyed, assigned, leased, or otherwise transferred or if a senior lender forecloses on any senior mortgage prior to the end of the minimum federally required affordability period as defined by 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4), the HOME Program loan assistance shall be repaid to the City of Providence, Department of Housing and Human Services, Division of Housing and Community Development on a net proceeds basis according to the following formula:

Net Proceeds = Sales price minus superior loan repayment (not including HOME assistance) and

closing costs.

Homeowner Investment = Homeowner downpayment and any verifiable capital improvement investment made from the date of purchase;

City's Investment = HOME Program assistance;

Total Investment = Homeowner investment plus City's investment

Amount of Net Proceeds (shared appreciation) to be returned to City upon sale prior to the end of the minimum federally-required affordability period = $(\text{City's Investment} / \text{Total Investment}) * \text{Net Proceeds}$

In the event of resale of a property where there is not a direct subsidy to the homebuyer, the City will employ a Resale Provision to preserve the remaining affordability period to ensure the housing is retained for occupancy for low-income households. The Resale Provision requires that if the owner of an income-restricted property sells, conveys, or transfers his/her ownership interest in the property prior to the end of the minimum federally-required affordability period, the sale, conveyance, or transfer shall only be to an eligible, income-qualified purchaser. Other restrictions concerning notice of sale, maximum resale price, and marketing of affordable unit(s) shall apply and are fully detailed in the City's Resale Provision (see following section).

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

All property acquired with HOME funds is subject to a period of affordability and principal residency requirements, safeguarded by the appropriate legal instrument (whether it be a deed restriction, land covenant, or lien) and resale or recapture provision.

As outlined above, the City employs Recapture Provisions when direct subsidy is provided to a homebuyer. Resale is employed in the event an assisted property is acquired without direct subsidy to the buyer.

In the event of resale of a property where there is not a direct subsidy to the homebuyer, the City uses a Resale Provision to preserve the remaining affordability period to ensure the housing is retained for occupancy for low-income households. The Resale Provision requires that if the owner of an income-restricted property sells, conveys, or transfers his/her ownership interest in the property prior to the end of the minimum federally-required affordability period, the sale, conveyance, or transfer shall only be to an eligible, income-qualified purchaser intending to occupy the property as a principal residence. Other restrictions concerning notice of sale, maximum resale price, and marketing of affordable unit(s) shall apply and are fully detailed in the City's Resale

Provision:

During the period of affordability prescribed by covenant, for any subsequent sale the property may only be sold to a household properly certified by the City as eligible under the income limits as established by HUD and in effect at the time of sale. In addition, the property must be affordable to a reasonable range of households qualifying as eligible under the HUD income limits. Housing remains affordable if the subsequent purchaser's monthly payments of principal, interest, taxes and insurance do not exceed 30 percent of the gross income of a household with an income falling within the range of 70 to 80 percent of median income for the area, as determined by HUD. For multi-unit properties the sale price may be adjusted to reflect the additional value of the rental unit(s). Further, in the event that a subsequent sale generates net proceeds, as defined below, those proceeds will be shared as described in the definition of "Fair Return to the Mortgagor" and the amount owing to the City will be immediately paid from closing funds.

"Net Sales Proceeds" means the subsequent sales price of the property minus ordinary closing costs and any repayment of a senior loan(s).

"Fair Return to the Mortgagor" is defined as a share of available net sales proceeds from sale of the property. If there are sufficient proceeds from the sale, the owner shall receive equity invested, adjusted for the U. S. consumer price index, plus the value of any permanent improvements to the home as approved and determined by the City. Upon sale, after these amounts are reserved for the owner, any additional equity gain shall be apportioned between the City and the homeowners in proportion to their contributions. Proceeds allocated to the City may be used, upon approval by HCDD, to lower the cost of the property to the subsequent low-income purchaser, if necessary to meet the affordability requirements.

If no proceeds are available to the City, additional HOME funds may be provided in the form of downpayment assistance or another appropriate mechanism in order to enhance affordability (subject to HCDD approval and availability of funds).

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The City of Providence does not allow for the use of HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with

special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

N/A.

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

N/A.

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

N/A.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

All providers funded under ESG will utilize a standardized assessment form when determining eligibility for all individuals and families presenting for CHF services and/or shelter.

The City of Providence follows the written standard policies and procedures for evaluating individuals and families eligibility for assistance under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) contained within the recently updated and HUD-vetted Consolidated Homeless Fund Partnership Policies & Procedures Manual.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

Under the requirements of the HEARTH Act, the Rhode Island Continuum of Care (RI CoC) and CHF recently adopted and implemented a centralized and coordinated assessment system. State-wide coordinated assessment is a powerful tool designed to ensure that homeless persons are matched, as quickly as possible, with the intervention that will most efficiently and effectively end their homelessness. A vendor selected to serve as the Coordinating Entity is responsible for day-to-day administration, including: ensuring that information about how to access services is easily accessible to the public; training all key stakeholders; ensuring the HMIS collects needed data; reviewing assessments and issuing eligibility and referral decisions; managing case conferences, eligibility

determination appeals, a centralized waitlist, and manual processes to enable participation in the by providers not participating in HMIS; and designing and executing ongoing quality control strategies.

Additional information can be found: Consolidated Homeless Fund Partnership Policies & Procedures Manual

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

Funds will be made available to the City of Providence by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program of which up to 7.5% may be set aside for program administration.

Private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding. There is no restriction on the maximum amount an applicant may request.

Applications are rated by City of Providence and CHF on the following criteria:

- Number of clients served
- Population served (e.g. domestic violence victims, veterans, disabled persons, etc.)
- Services provided and/or mainstream resources accessed
- Location of shelter (taking into account other public resources allocated/available to the program)
- Consideration will be given to program effectiveness in meeting adopted performance measures, as outlined in the application packet
- Extra consideration will be given to those agencies which have been effective in their discharge of clients (discharged to positive outcomes)
- Housing needs

Private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding. There is no restriction on the maximum amount an applicant may request, though declining resources and competing needs will limit amount of assistance that can be provided.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The Consolidated Homeless Fund and Continuum of Care are actively working to merge functions and policies wherever appropriate to ensure a consistent policies and performance standards for all ESG recipients. Consistent policies have been developed by both bodies to ensure participation by those with lived experience in the governance and decision-making processes at both the allocation and subrecipient levels.

The Rhode Island Continuum of Care actively recruits membership and Board members with lived experience and encourages their participation on the various standing committees. The CoC Recipient Approval and Reallocation Committee was merged with the CHF Review Committee. This committee that develops funding recommendations for CoC and CHF funds includes one active representative with lived experience.

Additionally, the Consolidated Homeless Fund and RI Continuum of Care's Policies & Procedures require that all subrecipients ensure that their Board of Directors or other equivalent policy-making body include not less than one homeless or formerly homeless individual to ensure active participation and representation in ESG-funded programs.

All recipient and sub-recipient organizations receiving HUD funding through the CoC or ESG programs must provide for the participation of not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual on the board of directors or other equivalent policy making entity of the recipient or subrecipient. This is a condition for receiving grant funds from the CoC or ESG programs; failure to meet the homeless participation requirement would be grounds for non-renewal or denial of funding.

Additionally, all recipient and subrecipient organizations are expected to involve homeless people through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise in program operations or services.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The City of Providence in coordination with the Consolidated Homeless Fund Partnership issues a request for proposals (RFP) that will include a set of evaluation criteria. Criteria include the following factors: project description, organizational experience; coordination and collaboration; outcomes; data collection; and a program budget that will demonstrate how they will meet the matching requirements. The RFP is made available to private nonprofit organizations through the Continuum of Care, direct emailing, and is publicized on the State's website.

The City's ESG funds, as part of the Consolidated Homeless Fund, are designed to help prevent and reduce homelessness through supportive services, emergency assistance, and housing. In order to assess progress towards these goals, agencies who are awarded funds under this grant will be held to strict performance standards band outcomes, including specific program targets grantees will be expected to meet. The Consolidated Homeless Fund reviews applicants based upon a number of performance/evaluation criteria including:

- Persons Served and Average Length of Stay
- Discharge/Exits to Permanent Housing – effective
- Exits to Emergency Shelter – possibly ineffective-churning (though exits to more appropriate shelter might be acceptable)
- Income “Average Income at Entry” compared to “Average Income at Exit”

- Capacity
- HMIS Participation/Data Quality
- Financial Capacity - Audited Financial Records
- Facility Conditions - Capital Needs Assessment

N/A