

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

**HOUSING 2030 AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING NEW DEVELOPMENT
("Housing 2030 New Rental")**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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| 1. Program Overview | <p>The purpose of Housing 2030 New Rental is to provide funding for the development of new multifamily rental units for households with incomes below 100% of Area Median Income ("AMI").</p> <p>The source for Housing 2030 New Rental is 2024 State Housing Bond funds.</p> |
| 2. Eligible Applicants | <p>Eligible applicants include for-profit and non-profit developers, owners of existing affordable housing developments, and Public Housing Authorities.</p> |
| 3. Eligible Activities | <p>New construction, rehabilitation, and/or adaptive reuse, of income eligible rental units. All applications must include 51% or more new construction units.</p> <p>Funds may only be used to support affordable units that are secured with a deed restriction of at least 30 years.</p> |

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| <p>4. Target Population/Areas</p> | <p>Developments must benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and families with gross annual incomes at or below 100% of AMI adjusted for family size.</p> <p>Developments that benefit lower income households (80% of AMI and below) are encouraged under the program. The state is particularly interested in developments with units that will help achieve its goals of permitting 500 new Extremely Low-Income Housing units (30% AMI and below) by 2030.</p> |
| <p>5. Program Allocation</p> | <p>Approximately \$20,000,000.</p> <p>The State reserves the right to reallocate funds to or from this program if demand is not met.</p> |
| <p>6. Funding Type</p> | <p>Long term loan secured by a deed restriction for rental developments.</p> |
| <p>7. Interest rate and Term</p> | <p>Interest Rate: 30-year treasury the month the loan closes</p> <p>Rental Development Loan Term: The term of the loan will be a minimum of 30 years and co-terminus with the senior debt. To the extent available, principal will be repaid through 50% of surplus cash as defined in the RIHousing loan documents. Interest will accrue and be forgiven at the end of the loan if affordability is maintained and monitored, and other requirements are met.</p> |

8. Funding Priorities

- Newly created units for households earning up to 80% AMI.
- Proposals that provide at least 20% of the total units for households with incomes at or below 30% of AMI.
- Development that has or will contribute to a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, community building initiative or similar local initiative.
- Proposals providing for the greatest number of affordable units at the lowest total development cost.
- Proposals using tax exempt bonds and 4% LIHTC and developing new affordable units.

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| <p>9. Threshold Criteria</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readiness to Proceed: Owner/Developer must demonstrate ability to proceed to closing on all financing and begin construction within nine months of commitment. • Financial Feasibility: The development must demonstrate financial feasibility for: (i) the overall development costs of the project and (ii) the long-term operation of the proposal. • Marketability: The development must have a reasonable likelihood that it will achieve sustainable occupancy of 95% within 6 months of construction completion. For mixed income proposals (any with rental units above 80% AMI) the applicant must submit a third-party market study that includes an absorption schedule, lease-up reserve and identifies the timeline for achieving 95% occupancy. • Development Team Capacity: The developer must have experience in the successful development and operation of affordable housing of similar scope and complexity. The Developer and their development team will be evaluated on its professional capacity to plan, build, market, and operate the proposed development. |
| <p>10. Amount of Assistance</p> | <p>A maximum of \$150,000 per affordable unit.</p> |
| <p>11. Term of Affordability</p> | <p>A minimum of 30 years.</p> |
| <p>12. Availability of Funds</p> | <p>Funds will be available through a Request for Proposals issued jointly between RIEOH and RIHousing.</p> |
| <p>13. Program Leverage with Other Financial Resources</p> | <p>It is expected that the Housing 2030 Rental Housing award may be matched with other public and private funds for the development of the proposed units.</p> |

Housing 2030 Affordable Rental Housing New Development Scoring Criteria

Point Allocation Summary

54 Points Cost Effectiveness
 26 Points General Points
 8 Points Sustainable Design

88 Total Points

Total Development Cost – Up to 10 points

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| Project TDC per unit at or below \$375,000 | 10 points |
| Project TDC per unit between \$375,001 and \$400,000 | 8 points |
| Project TDC per unit between \$400,001 and \$425,000 | 5 points |
| Project TDC per unit between \$425,001 and \$450,000 | 3 points |
| Project TDC per unit above \$450,000 | 0 points |

Leveraging - Up to 10 points

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| Needed gap funding is < 25 % of TDC | 10 points |
| Needed gap funding is < 50% of TDC | 5 points |
| Requested gap funding is > 50% of TDC | 0 Points |

4% LIHTC Tax Exempt Bond project –5 Points

Housing 2030 New Rental funds are last source (not including LIHTC request)– 5 Points

Committed Operating Support – Up to 24 Points

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| Project makes available currently unused federal subsidy through activation of unused Faircloth Authority by a Public Housing Authority | Add 4 points to any category below |
| 30% or more units within the development | 20 points |
| 20-29.99% of units within the development | 16 points |
| 10-19.99% of units within the development | 10 points |
| Up to 9.99% of units within the development | Up to 6 points |

Readiness to Proceed – Up to 12 points

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| Fully permitted development AND specifications are at least 90% complete AND architect confirms in writing that the plans and specifications can be 100% complete within 30 days AND the application includes a signed schedule of values from the general contractor, determined by RIHousing to be consistent with current pricing, that is the basis for the funding application | 12 points |
| Master, preliminary and final plan approval for a development or for a development with “by right” approval AND 50% plans and specifications consistent with the requirements of the 2026 Developer’s Handbook for “Design Development” level plans. | 9 points |
| Master, preliminary and final plan approval for a development or for a development with “by right” approval AND plans that are only schematic. Points will be prorated based on approvals in place at time of application. | Up to 6 points |

New Below 80% AMI Units – Up to 6 Points

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| 100% of the units are new affordable units at or below 80% of AMI | 6 points |
| 50% of the units are new affordable units at or below 80% of AMI | 4 points |
| 25% of the units are new affordable units at or below 80% AMI | 2 points |
| No new units at or below 80% of AMI | 0 points |

New 30% AMI Units – Up to 3 Points

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| 20% of the units are new affordable units at or below 30% of AMI | 3 points |
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Development that has or will contribute to a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, community building initiative or similar local initiative - Up to 5 Points

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| Development is located in a previously approval Concerted Community Revitalization Plan (CCRP) as outlined in the QAP | 5 Points |
| Developer submits a letter from the municipality outlining how the project will contribute to a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, community building initiative or similar local initiative | 5 Points |
| Applicants can demonstrate how the proposed housing contributes to an overall plan to revitalize and/or stabilize the neighborhood or that builds upon previous investments | Up to 5 Points |

Sustainable Design- Up to 8 Points

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| Exceeds Energy Star 3.1 Version 8 for new construction OR substantial rehab that surpasses Tier II standards | 2 points |
| Meets RNC Tier II AND most current Net Zero or Passive House standards | 4 points |
| Incorporates solar panels or other renewables including net metering | Add up to 2 points based on size and amount of energy produced |