

Housing Plan

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice  
Five-year Consolidated Plan

# Community Development

Stakeholder Workshop

September 4

4:00 – 6:00 PM



# A Collaborative Process

- **Housing Plan:** identify current and future housing needs for a variety of household types and income levels
- **Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice:** identify barriers that restrict housing choice for members of protected classes and recommendations to resolve the barriers
- **Consolidated Plan:** describe community development priorities and goals based on assessment of affordable housing and community development needs, market conditions and available resources



# A Collaborative Process

These documents enable the State agencies to continue receiving annual allocations from the following sources:

Program	
Community Development Block Grant	\$5,414,189
HOME Investment Partnerships	\$ 3,475,044
Emergency Solutions Grant	\$ 699,115
National Housing Trust Fund	\$3,000,000
Low Income Housing Tax Credit	\$ 3,136,050
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,724,398</b>



# Public Outreach

- RIHousing and OHCD recognize that successful plans require input from a broad array of stakeholders
- The planning processes for these documents require a qualitative analysis in which extensive public outreach is conducted to identify affordable housing, fair housing and community development needs
- The qualitative analysis (the public outreach) will be used to enhance the quantitative profile (the hard data) with the opinions, experiences, perspectives and ideas of Rhode Island stakeholders and residents



# Methods of Public Outreach

- Early Stakeholder Interviews to identify key topics
- Stakeholder Workshops – seven this week and three later in the process to vet recommendations
- Public Meetings – three during the week of Sep 23 and three later in the process to vet recommendations
- Municipal Meetings
- Pop-up Events
- Project webpage



# Methods of Public Outreach (cont'd)

- Meeting-in-a-Box
- Online Surveys for all Rhode Islanders and Municipal Officials
- FAQ Sheets explaining the projects, how to get involved, whom to contact for more info
- Draft documents to be made available for public review and comment in early 2020



# The Value of Stakeholder Input

- You are practitioners in your areas of expertise
- You encounter the challenges to housing and community development on a regular basis
- You are familiar with State regulations, policies and laws that impact the work you do – whether these help you in your work or create difficulties
- You are the individuals and organizations that we need to hear from to expand affordable housing, fair housing choice and improve the quality of life for Rhode Islanders



# Small Group Activity: 1-2-4-ALL





# Q: What is the greatest community development need in Rhode Island today?

- Public infrastructure—streets, sidewalks, streetscapes, water facilities, sewer facilities
- Public facilities—senior centers, youth centers, community centers, food banks
- Broadband access
- Public transit—accessibility, frequency of routes, location of stops, hours of service
- Access to community assets—quality education, employment, amenities, safe housing
- Disproportionate impact on low-income and minority neighborhoods



# Responses

- Mobility – lack of public infrastructure/transit
- Lack of accessibility to assets such as museums, community spaces, safe and affordable housing, childcare
- People getting priced out and displaced further away from these amenities
- Lack of access to affordable childcare
- There is a need for functional communities where working class individuals can live
- Employment that is not dependent on subsidies is needed – the ability to earn sufficient income and not lose benefits
- High cost-burden
- Need for a better education system



# Responses

- Need for housing stability
- Need for good public transit
- How do you get communities to build low-income housing?
- Lack of accessibility to and funding for good transportation and education
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# Small Group Activity: 25-to-10



# Q: What is the best solution to address this need?

- Public infrastructure—streets, sidewalks, streetscapes, water facilities, sewer facilities
- Public facilities—senior centers, youth centers, community centers, food banks
- Broadband access
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# Responses

- Public Transit – integrate access to public transit and access to community assets
  - Ex. Door-to-door service to get to point A to B in Baltimore
- Access to community assets – create incentives to encourage responsible real estate development and transportation centers (MA 40R and 40S)
- Lack of safe and affordable housing – identify all unsafe housing that need modifications, find developers willing to make these modifications, ---
- Lack of accessibility (bike and disability) – having a wide variety of places be a coordinated transportation center with a variety of transit options,
- Transit accessibility - giving better access to amenities, such as green space (access to and on)
- Lack of affordable housing near walkable streets and services – incentivize affordable housing and mixed-use development near transit, groceries, etc., and Complete Streets features.
- Create affordable housing in communities of opportunity – enhance current “snob” zoning law (10% Law) by tying education funding and transportation funding to affordable housing. – areas that are more in need of meeting 10% threshold would receive more funding
- Access to community assets – creation of fair and affordable by improving access to transit and amenities and decreasing segregation
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# Responses

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# For more information:

Project webpage:

<https://www.rihousing.com/statewide-housing-plan/>

Online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RhodeIslandHousing2019>

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