



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice?** Called an AI for short, it is a planning document that analyzes how well Rhode Island is expanding housing choice among members of the protected classes. Barriers to housing choice will be identified and an Action Plan will include strategies to eliminate the barriers.
- 2. What is fair housing?** It is an individual's right, established by federal law more than 50 years ago, to choose housing free from discrimination based on personal characteristics that have nothing to do with housing. It is the right to choose housing without regard to a person's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age (18+), disability, or marital, familial, or victim of domestic violence status. Persons who are protected from discrimination by fair housing laws are referred to as members of protected classes.
- 3. What does fair housing mean for me as a Rhode Island resident?** Fair housing focuses on keeping your housing or your search for housing free from discrimination. It also includes having access to community assets such as employment, public transit, safe neighborhoods, quality schools—all those things that contribute to a good quality of life.
- 4. Why is Rhode Island preparing this document?** Annually the state receives funding from the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to carry out affordable housing and community development projects that benefit low- and moderate-income residents. HUD requires the state to prepare an AI to demonstrate that it (a) implements its housing programs without discrimination against members of protected classes and (2) works to expand access to community assets for all residents.
- 5. How can I participate in this process?** Complete an online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RhodeIslandHousing2019> and let the state know what the needs are in your community. Plan to attend one of the Public Meetings or Stakeholder Workshops listed on the back of this page. Visit <https://www.rihousing.com/statewide-housing-plan/>.
- 6. Who can I contact for more information?** Contact Alison Neirinckx at aneirinckx@rihousing.com or Laura Sullivan at laura.sullivan@doa.ri.gov.



STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS

*All workshops will be held in the
RIHousing Board Room 44 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903*

September 3, 2019

9:00 - 11:00AM

*Regulatory Concerns and Barriers to
Development*

1:00- 3:00PM

*Affordable and Accessible Housing
(including preservation of affordable housing)*

4:00 - 6:00PM

*Housing for the Homeless & Special Needs
Populations*

September 4, 2019

9:00 - 11:00AM

Healthy Housing and Healthy Neighborhoods

1:00- 3:00PM

Extreme Weather and Climate Change

4:00 - 6:00PM

*Community Development (including infrastructure and
access to community assets)*

September 5, 2019

9:00 - 11:00AM

*Poverty and Access to Employment and Small
Business Development Opportunities*

POP-UP EVENTS

Providence

Monday, September 23, 2019, 12-2PM

Knight Memorial Library

275 Elmwood Ave., Providence, RI

Woonsocket

Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 3-5PM

Thundermist Farmers Market

450 Clinton St., Woonsocket, RI

PUBLIC MEETINGS

North Kingstown

Monday, September 23, 2019, 5-7PM

North Kingstown Free Library

100 Boone St., North Kingstown, RI

Woonsocket

Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 6-8PM

Thundermist Health Center Community

Room 450 Clinton St., Woonsocket, RI

Pawtucket

Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 4-6PM

Woodland Community Center

210 West Ave., Pawtucket, RI