

**Request for Action
By the Trustees of the
Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

Approval of Fund Transfer for Homeownership Subordinate Financing Program

1. Summary of Request

This Request for Action (“RFA”) is for approval of a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the Rhode Island Housing Mortgage and Finance Corporation (“RIHousing”) for purposes of funding a down payment and closing cost pilot program. With a goal of promoting sustainable homeownership, the program aims to provide funds to assist low-to-moderate borrowers with the acquisition of their first home. Eligibility requirements include mortgage revenue bond income limits, first-time homebuyer, and residence in “low opportunity legacy” census tracts located in the following cities: Central Falls, East Providence, Newport, Pawtucket, Providence, Warwick, and Woonsocket. Draft program guidelines describing the program in further detail are attached at Attachment B.

2. Recommendation

Staff recommends the approval of the resolution set forth at Attachment A, which authorizes a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 to finance the program set forth in Attachment B.

3. Attachments

- A. Resolution
- B. Program Guidelines (Draft)

Attachment A

Resolution of the Trustees of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund

WHEREAS: The Affordable Housing Trust Fund (“AHT”) was created by Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (“RIHousing”) for the sole purpose of making homeownership more affordable to low- and moderate-income residents of the State of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS: RIHousing staff has established a subordinate financing program to provide down payment and closing cost assistance in accordance with the program guidelines set forth in Attachment B (the “Program”); and

WHEREAS: funding of the Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 will assist in promoting sustainable homeownership for low- and moderate-income persons in Rhode Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:

RESOLVED: that the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, acting by and through its Trustees, be, and is hereby authorized, to (i) commit up to \$1,000,000 to the Program described at Attachment B and (ii) transfer such funds to RIHousing for purposes of funding the Program;

RESOLVED: that the Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer of RIHousing, each acting singly, be and hereby are authorized and empowered to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to carry out the foregoing resolutions.