

**Request for Action
By
Board of Commissioners**

Approval of FY2023 Community Development Program Funding Awards

1. Summary of Request

This Request for Action (“RFA”) is for approval of grant funding under the Community Development Program (“CDP”). The Board of Commissioners of Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (“RIHousing”) approved up to \$500,000 in CDP funding as part of the program budget for fiscal year 2023.

The RIHousing CDP provides funding for support for new Resident Service Coordinators or expanding resident service coordination efforts; more particularly, efforts that manage and provide access for supportive services for residents, or efforts to identify and develop resources and programs that will support residents in different ways. The goal is to support activities that should increase tenant stability, improve health outcomes, increase quality of life, and provide a pathway to building assets that support families in achieving economic independence.

Funds will be awarded as a three-year grant term to allow for increased sustainability and for the ability to do a longer-term assessment of program outcomes.

RIHousing issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for an award of CDP funding in February 2023. The RFP was posted on the RIHousing website, the Rhode Island Division of Purchases website, social media, and sent to approximately 1,200 organizations, municipalities, property managers, developers and interested parties via an email announcement. RIHousing received 14 proposals in response to the RFP from 14 applicants consisting of housing developers, public housing authorities, property managers, and community organizations. One proposal did not meet the eligible activity and was disqualified. Funding requested from the 13 qualifying applications totaled \$1,886,895.

A committee consisting of the Deputy Executive Director, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer, and staff from the Executive Division and Leased Housing and Rental Services Division conducted a review of each proposal in accordance with the ranking criteria set forth in the RFP. The committee is recommending funding be awarded to the projects and programs described at Attachment A.

2. Recommendation

Staff recommends that the resolution authorizing CDP funding in the amount of \$450,000 for the projects and programs set forth at Attachment A be approved.

3. Attachments

- A. Recommended FY2023 Community Development Program Funding Awards
- B. Resolution

Attachment A

Proposed FY 2023 Community Development Program Funding Awards

Organization	Program	Location	Award
Housing Authority of the City of Newport	Resident Service Coordinator for Park Holm community	Newport	\$150,000
Lucy's Hearth	Resident Service Coordinator for Lucy's Hearth, a 24-hour emergency and transitional shelter	Middletown	\$150,000
Omni Development	Resident Service Coordinator for South Providence housing portfolio	Providence	\$150,000
		TOTAL	\$450,000

Attachment B
Resolution of the Board of Commissioners
of
Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation

- WHEREAS:** Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation (“RIHousing”) created the Community Development Program to support Resident Service Coordinators and support resident service coordination; and
- WHEREAS:** RIHousing issued a Request for Proposals under a competitive process to seek applications for Community Development Program grant funding; and
- WHEREAS:** RIHousing received thirteen (13) proposals eligible for Community Development Program funding; and
- WHEREAS:** staff reviewed the proposals according to the ranking criteria outlined in the Request for Proposals and have determined that three (3) of the proposed programs and/or projects best fit the priority activities and criteria of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:

- RESOLVED:** that the projects and programs set forth at Attachment A be, and hereby are approved for grant funding under the Community Development Program in the amounts specified at Attachment A, subject to any administrative adjustments as the Executive Director determines to be in the best interests of RIHousing, provided that the total amount awarded to all recipients shall not exceed \$450,000.
- RESOLVED:** that all funds awarded hereunder shall be funded out of the FY 2023 budget.
- RESOLVED:** that the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director, each acting singly, be and hereby is authorized and empowered to negotiate terms, execute contracts, instruments and/or documents, and take any other actions necessary or desirable to carry out the foregoing resolutions.