

## Community Development RFP Q&A

April 7, 2022

Q: We are interested in applying for the Comprehensive Community Development Grant Funding which has a deadline of Friday at 3pm. It is not clear from the map how many RI Housing financed projects exist in Newport County, which is our service area. We do provide housing stabilization and wrap around services and are interested in applying. Will you please tell me how many units you have by each town/city in Newport County?

A: The below list represents affordable rental units that received financing from RIHousing for their development or preservation, or that receive rental assistance through contracts administered by the agency.

Jamestown - 24  
Newport - 837  
Middletown - 76  
Portsmouth - 132  
Tiverton - 169  
Little Compton - 6

April 6, 2022

Q: I am writing on behalf of Wiggin Village, located at 207 Cranston Street, Providence RI 02907. Wiggin Village is a multi-family 285 unit Project-Based Section 8 affordable housing community owned by Providence Building, Sanitary & Educational Association and managed by WinnResidential. Wiggin Village has no RIHousing financing and is 100% private mortgage insured by FHA and HUD, but are listed as RIhousing financed on the Policy Map. Can you please advise if Wiggin Village would be eligible to apply for the RIHousing Comprehensive Community Development Program and Project Funding?

A: Yes, as a Project Based Contract Administration (PBCA) property through RIHousing, Wiggin Village is eligible to apply.

Q: Could you provide an example of a permissible "agreement" that will meet the requirement of proof that funding will support residents living in a RIHousing financed development. As an organization we are already serving hundreds of individuals already living in RIHousing financed facilities, however we do not have executed agreements with each of these individuals, what could serve as an appropriate option for us?

A: A permissible agreement could be a signed document between a community organization and a RIHousing financed development that provides a commitment to and details on the programming to be provided, including confirmation that residents living in the development will be the main program recipients. We anticipate in most cases the agreement would be between the community organization and a development entity, not individual residents. However, the RFP is not prescriptive on what proof must be provided and we are open to applicants proposing different ways to ensure that residents of RIHousing financed developments will be served.

March 30, 2022

Q: In regards to the requirement that the proposed program must "support residents living in a RIHousing financed development," does that mean it can only support individuals living in a RIHousing financed development? Or does it mean that the client pool must include individuals living in a RIHousing financed development?

A: The RFP is geared towards supporting residents living in RIHousing financed developments, and programming must be intended for that audience. However, this does not mean other participants must be excluded if room allows for their participation. Please note that the RFP requires applicants outside of housing development owners or property managers to provide proof that funding will support residents living in a RIHousing financed development via an executed agreement or similar document.

March 28, 2022

Q: Are the grant funds awarded on a specific schedule? (The schedule in which funds are released)

A: We anticipate funds being released on a quarterly basis.

Q: Do we have to incur the expenses prior to receiving the funds?

A: Yes.

March 22, 2022

Q: To be clear, applicants simply submit narrative and Attachment A, there isn't an actual response packet where we fill sections in on a prescribed format? Also, there isn't a bidders conference for the opportunity?

A: Correct, please submit the written narrative (no more than 4 pages) and fill in the spreadsheet for Attachment A. There is no response packet to complete, and there is no bidders conference scheduled for this opportunity.

March 21, 2022

Q: I see that the program now is targeted toward supporting only residents of RI Housing-financed developments. Can you please clarify what this means? Does it include residents receiving Housing Choice vouchers? Residents of properties that received funding through LeadSafe Homes?

A: RIHousing financed developments means affordable multifamily developments that have received financing through RIHousing for development or preservation, or affordable multifamily developments with rental assistance contracts administered through the agency. Some of these developments may have residents who receive Housing Choice Vouchers, or may have properties that have received LeadSafe Homes funding, but those criteria alone do not make the property eligible for this program.