FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What is the Consolidated Plan?** It is a planning document that identifies the affordable housing and community development needs in Rhode Island for the next five years.

2. **Why is the state preparing this plan?** Annually the state receives about $15.7 million in Community Development Block Grant funds, HOME Partnership Investment funds, Emergency Solutions Grant funds, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS funds, Housing Trust Funds, and Low Income Housing Tax Credits from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). To continue receiving these funds, Rhode Island is required to identify and prioritize its needs, then explain how it will address these needs through local projects.

3. **What type of projects has the state used these funds for in the past?** Funds were invested to build new affordable housing units and rehabilitate older affordable housing units for renters and homeowners. Rental assistance was provided to help make monthly rent affordable for lower income households. Businesses were assisted and new jobs created. New water and sewer lines were built to provide safe drinking water and adequate sewerage service.

4. **Who benefits from these projects?** Lower income individuals and households can qualify by their income.

5. **How can I participate in this process?** Complete an online survey at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RhodeIslandHousing2019](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/](https://www.rihousing.com/statewide-housing-plan/).

6. **Who can I contact for more information?** Contact Alison Neirinckx at [aneirinckx@rihousing.com](mailto:aneirinckx@rihousing.com) or Laura Sullivan at [laura.sullivan@doa.ri.gov](mailto: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 - 6:00AM
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