



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> 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 - 6:00AM

*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