

1. A: Can the grant be used to reimburse installation and equipment costs? (we got a grant for part of the cost that was time sensitive, so we have started the process, but I need to raise the rest of the funds and may need to borrow temporarily to pay for it?)
Q: Proposals that solely request funds for reimbursement of past projects are ineligible, but we will consider proposals that request reimbursement for items that are part of a larger project being proposed.
2. A: Is there a minimum request? Will all awards be \$75,000?
Q: There is no minimum request amount. Proposals may be submitted for projects of any amount not to exceed \$75,000.
3. A: Is the \$75,000 grant the total per submitting entity?
Q: The maximum award per proposal is \$75,000, but entities may submit more than one proposal.
4. A: Is this 75,000 grant for conceptual only or for a working system?
Q: It could be both, but funds are not intended to serve solely as operating support for an already implemented system.
5. A: Do you have a list of buildings that you would like us to evaluate in this proposal w specifics? Addresses or properties, number of apartments, number of floors would be helpful for said proposal, are these available? A closely grouped cluster would work best to maximize the number of households that could be reached with a single wireless AirFi WiFi system.
Q: There is no list of buildings to be evaluated as part of this proposal. RIHousing's [Policy Map](#) tool provides information on Rhode Island demographics including income levels, and some basic information on agency investments including a layer of all RIHousing investments.
6. A: Would RIH consider providing funds to a project to support low-cost purchase of devices (i.e. tablets) which would come with internet access in them?
Q: Yes, RIHousing would consider supporting this project.
7. A: I am in Massachusetts. Do you know of any similar grant or initiative in Massachusetts? Or do you know anyone I might contact about this?
Q: Unfortunately, no. You may want to reach out to the Department of Housing and Community Development to see if they are aware of any opportunities.
8. A: Can Grant funding be used for awareness and communications about tech availability? For posters, signage, access information, email etc? Can grant funds be used for ongoing service if initial hardware costs have been matched or provided?
Q: The main purpose of this funding is to expand internet access, through infrastructure and/or providing free or low-cost wifi for people in their homes. We would support a small portion of the budget going towards costs such as communications and awareness efforts to spread the word. Funds are not intended to solely be used as operating support for up and running initiatives, but could be used for ongoing service if those costs are part of a larger project being proposed.
9. A: Is the intention for the proposals to cover:

- 1) Properties currently served by RI Housing,
- 2) Low to moderate income housing projects, or
- 3) Households that happen to have low to moderate income owners/tenants?

Q: The intention is for proposals to increase internet access for low and moderate income households, regardless of what type of housing they live in. The scoring criteria includes 3 points for proposals that intend to serve residents of RI Housing financed or administered properties, but it is not a requirement for funding.

Q: What is the estimated date of when awards will be announced?

A: Recommendations for funding are anticipated to be brought to the Board of Commissioners meeting in June, though that time frame may change.