

# Rhode Island Continuum of Care

## Request to Join 2024 Membership

The Rhode Island Continuum of Care (RICOC) is a diverse coalition committed to assisting homeless and near-homeless Rhode Islanders to obtain housing, economic stability, comprehensive services, and an enhanced quality of life. The RICOC is soliciting membership from interested parties willing to participate in the RICOC mission. Interested candidates should be committed to promoting community-wide planning and the strategic use of resources to address homelessness; improving coordination and integration with mainstream resources and other programs targeted to people at risk of or experiencing chronic homelessness; improving data collection and performance measurements for programs designed to end homelessness; and supporting Rhode Island in designing its homeless programs to accommodate the state's particular strengths and challenges.

Membership is available to representatives of certain types of organizations and agencies within Rhode Island and individuals with lived experience of homelessness. Interested persons should align with one or more of the following relevant stakeholder categories:

### Lived Experience of Homelessness

Nonprofit providers of housing and/or services for the homeless

Victim service providers

Faith based agencies

Political subdivisions and other governmental entities

Businesses

Advocacy organizations

Public Housing Authorities

Housing Developers

School districts

Social service providers

Mental health agencies

Hospitals

Universities

Law enforcement

Veterans' organizations

Individuals interested in membership must submit a letter of interest to Ben Darby, CoC Planner, at RIHousing, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903, or by email at [bdarby@rihousing.com](mailto:bdarby@rihousing.com). Respondents must indicate which stakeholder category they represent in their response. Questions about this Request for Membership may be directed to Ben Darby at (401) 450-1303 or [bdarby@rihousing.com](mailto:bdarby@rihousing.com).

**The deadline for submission of a letter of interest for consideration to join 2024 RICOC Membership is November 30, 2023.**

