

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 199

Approved April 23, 2025

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) and (2) of the Code of Ordinances.



Federal Hill Commerce Association
(Department of Planning & Development)

\$750,000.00

IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 17 2025

READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor

Date: 4/23/25



OFFICE OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR
City of Providence

March 4, 2025

Ms. Tina Mastroianni
City Clerk's Office
City of Providence
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

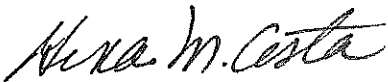
Dear Tina:

I am writing to request that the following requested contract award be submitted to the City Council and the Finance Committee for approval:

- **Department of Planning and Development**
 - Request of a Change Order #1 to Planning, Engineering and Design Services for Safe Streets Projects with **Toole Design Group, LLC** in the amount of **\$210,366.58** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (4);
 - Approval to pay **Federal Hill Commerce Association \$750,000** "to update decorative lighting along Atwells Avenue" in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1) and (2);
- **Department of Public Works**
 - Approval to pay **Safety Markings, LLC** for outstanding invoices related to Citywide pavement markings in the amount of **\$100,996.53** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (2);
 - Approval to exercise option year 1 for Providence Citywide Pavement Markings with **K5 Corporation and Safety Markings LLC not to exceed \$200,000** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b)(5);
- **Department of People and Culture**
 - Award to **Caremark PCS Health, LLC**, low bidder, the amount of **\$73,200,000** for "Prescription Drug RX Marketing" (3-Year Contract with Two 2-Year Options for Renewal) in accordance with Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b)(1);

- Award to **Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, low bidder** for Vison Insurance (3 Year Contract with Two 2-Year Options for Renewal) the amount of **\$437,595** in accordance with Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b);
- Award to **Blue Cross & Blue Shield of RI (London Health Administrators)**, second lowest bidder, for Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Marketing (3 Year Contract with Two 2-Year Options for Renewal) the amount of **\$36,396** in accordance with Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b);
- Award to **Delta Dental of Rhode Island**, second lowest bidder, for Dental Insurance the amount of **\$16,606,722** (3-Year Contract with Two 2-Year Options for Renewal) in accordance with Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1);
- Award to **Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island**, low bidder, for Medical Insurance in the amount of **\$364,533,525** (3-Year Contract with Two 2-Year Options for Renewal) in accordance with Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1);
- Award to **Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (London Health Administrators)**, highest bidder, for HRA Marketing RFP in the amount of **\$226,125** (3-Year Contract with Two 2-Year Options for Renewal) in accordance with Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1);
- Award to **Metropolitan Life Insurance Company** for "Basic Life/AD &D Supplemental Life Insurance Marketing in the amount of **\$243,783** (3-Year Contract with Two 2-Year Options for Renewal) in accordance with Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1);

Sincerely,



Gina M. Costa
Internal Auditor

Cc: John Arzoomanian, Department of Public Property
Alejandro Tirado, Director of Purchasing
Joseph I. Mulligan, III, Director of Planning and Development
Patricia A. Coyne-Fague, Esa, Director of Public Works
Shomari Husband, City Treasurer
Paul Winspeare, Chief People Officer



Department of Planning and Development

February 12, 2025

The Honorable Brett P. Smiley
Chairman, Board of Contract and Supply
City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Requesting Approval to Pay Federal Hill Commerce Association to Update the
Decorative Lighting along Atwells Avenue in Providence, RI.

MinuteTraQ ID #48487
Account # - 241-1127-52886

Minority Participation - 0% MBE, 0% WBE
Activity # - 241-1127-25

Dear Mayor Smiley,

The Department of Planning respectfully requests approval to pay the Federal Hill Commerce Association to update the decorative lighting along Atwells Avenue in Providence with adequate lighting to ensure safety and retail attraction by replacing up to 15 light fixtures with municipal grade LED luminaires and replacement of 16 pairs of poles in the amount of \$750,000 in Fiscal Year 2025.

This item was not competitively bid as it is a grant from RI Commerce. The City is providing a pass-through grant to the Federal Hill Commerce Association, a non-profit that serves the community. The RI Commerce grant award will fund the existing need for capital repairs to the lighting infrastructure in the Federal Hill area. The Federal Hill Commerce Association will follow best procurement practices and will be required to provide regular financial reporting.

See attached files

Funds in the amount of \$750,000 are available in account 241-1127-52886 in Fiscal Year 2025.

Federal Hill Commerce Association
258 Atwells Ave. Providence, RI 02903
Att: Rick Simone

Respectfully Submitted

Joe Mulligan, Director, Department of Planning and Development

Financial Approval

Joseph A. Doorley Municipal Building
444 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903

**GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AND
FEDERAL HILL COMMERCE ASSOCIATION**

THIS GRANT AGREEMENT (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") is made this ____ day of _____, 2024 by and between the City of Providence ("the City") and the Federal Hill Commerce Association ("Grantee") (together referred to as "the Parties") for the Federal Hill Lighting Project.

WHEREAS, Grantee is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote, develop and improve the Federal Hill area of Providence, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Grantee submitted to the City a grant proposal for Phases I and II of the Federal Hill Lighting Project (attached and fully incorporated herein as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the Providence City Council authorized a grant award to Grantee in accordance with Sections 21-26(b)(1) and (2) of the Providence Code of Ordinances via Resolution No. 45586 on July 9, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Grant. The City shall make a grant to Grantee in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) ("the Grant Funds").

2. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is for Grantee to update the decorative lighting along Atwells Avenue in Providence, as more particularly described in Exhibit A hereto ("the Project").

3. Use of Grant Funds.

(a) Scope of Work. This Agreement is made for the purposes stated in Exhibit A hereto. Any Grant Funds not expended or committed for said purposes must be returned to the City, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the City.

(b) Grantee shall not use the Grant Funds to lobby federal, state or local officials or their staff to receive additional funding or influence legislation.

4. Reporting.

(a) Financial Reports. The Grantee shall provide bi-annual financial reports reflecting expenditures (the "Financial Reports"). The first Financial Report shall be due six (6) months after execution of this Agreement, with subsequent Financial Reports due every six (6) months thereafter. Each Financial Report shall be signed by an appropriate officer of the Grantee and shall include (i) a financial report reflecting expenditures as of the end of the applicable reporting period and reflecting the use of the Grant Funds and (ii) an assurance that the activities under this Agreement have been conducted in conformity with the terms of this Agreement.

(b) If any Financial Report is not timely submitted, the City reserves the right to withhold further payments, if any, under this Agreement or under any other grant agreement between the City and Grantee.

5. Record Maintenance and Inspection. Upon request by the City, Grantee shall make its books and records related to this Agreement and to the Project available for inspection at reasonable times by the City or its assignee. Grantee shall maintain records of expenditures, as well as copies of the reports submitted to the City, for at least four (4) years after completion of the Project. The City may monitor and conduct evaluations of Grantee operations under this Agreement. Such monitoring may include the City's personnel or assignees: (i) visiting the Grantee to observe the Project, (ii) speaking with Grantee staff members regarding the Project and (iii) conducting a review of financial and other records related to Grantee or the Project.

6. Compliance. In its performance under this Agreement and when utilizing the Grant Funds, Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and policies.

7. Indemnification. Grantee shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its agents and employees from and against any and all claims or causes of action arising from the performance of this Agreement by Grantee or the Grantee's agents or employees.

8. Public Records. All records possessed by the City in connection with this Agreement are subject to the Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act (hereinafter "APRA"), R.I. Gen. Law § 38-2-1, et seq. In no event shall the City be liable to Grantee for releasing to the public any records relating to this Agreement that the City determines should or must be released in accordance with APRA.

9. Miscellaneous.

(a) COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

(b) NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP. Nothing in this Agreement shall create a partnership, joint venture, trust or other fiduciary relationship between the Grantee and the City.

(c) AMENDMENTS. The Grantee and the City may amend, modify, supplement, or waive any provisions of this Agreement in such manner as may be agreed upon by the Parties only by written instrument executed by both Parties.

(d) ASSIGNMENT: Grantee may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement without receiving the City's prior written consent.

(e) GOVERNING LAW. To the greatest extent permitted under the law, this Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

(f) SEVERABILITY. In case any provision of this Agreement shall be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected or impaired in any way thereby, and such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality, and unenforceability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties to this Agreement have affixed their signatures as of the date first written above:

FOR GRANTEE:

Printed name: Richard V. Simone III

Signature (ink-based): RVS III

Title: President

Date: 8/8/24

FOR THE CITY:

[Signature]
John Arzoumanian, Director, Dept of Public Property
Countryside Holdings, LLC

Date: 8/8/24

Approved as to form and correctness:

[Signature]
Jeff Dana, City Solicitor

Exhibit A: Grant proposal

Federal Hill Commerce Association
498 Broadway
Providence, RI 02909

Dear Mayor Smiley,

I am writing on behalf of the Federal Hill Commerce Association (the Association). The Association is a non-profit organization created for the benefit of, and to carry out the purposes of, promoting the Federal Hill Area. We aim to foster development, promotion and improvement of the Federal Hill Area, to work in cooperation with City Officials, the City Council and other City and State agencies. The purpose of this letter is to commit to working with the City of Providence, RI on the Capital Improvement Plan- Federal Hill Lighting Project

The Federal Hill Commerce Association will use this funding to update the decorative lighting on Atwells Avenue. The current lighting is outdated and does not provide adequate lighting for safety and retail attraction. Additionally, the existing light poles are in various states of disrepair with as many as 15 poles missing entirely. The parts for the existing lights are obsolete making ongoing maintenance difficult and expensive. The project will be separated into two phases: Phase I will dramatically improve the lighting by replacing all identified light fixtures with municipal grade, LED luminaires which will direct light where needed. This phase will also include the replacement of up to 15 missing poles complete with luminaires (pole top lighting fixtures) and GFCI receptacles. Phase II will build and improve upon the aesthetic feature of festoon lighting crossing the street. This phase will involve the replacement of up to 16 pairs of poles. The new poles will be taller and engineered to support catenary cable spans. New festoon lighting will be installed on the cable spans. These cables will also be used to support lighted holiday decorations.

This project will improve safety, enhance aesthetics and reduce future maintenance costs. This investment will provide sustainable, LED lighting for the neighborhood commercial district while providing visitors with a safer experience when visiting businesses in the area.

The Federal Hill Commerce Association is grateful for this investment from the city and will be securing a 1:1 match to maximize the city's funding and make a significant impact on this important commercial corridor:

Sincerely,

Rick Simone

Rick Simone
President
Federal Hill Commerce Association

**GRANT AGREEMENT
FOR MAIN STREET RHODE ISLAND STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS**

BY AND BETWEEN

RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION

("CORPORATION")

AND

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

("GRANTEE")

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GRANT AGREEMENT

This GRANT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into as of December 30th, 2024 (the "Effective Date"), by and between the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, a public corporation, governmental agency and public instrumentality of the State of Rhode Island having an address of 315 Iron Horse Way Suite 101, Providence, RI 02908 ("Corporation") and the City of Providence, a municipality in the State of Rhode Island having an address of 25 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI 02903 ("Grantee"), in connection with the successful Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Grant Application (the "Application") dated April 19th, 2024 made by Grantee to the Corporation pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-64.27-1, *et seq.* (the "Act"), and applicable rules and regulations. A copy of the Application is attached hereto as Appendix B. Corporation and Grantee are individually referred herein as a "Party" and are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the General Assembly appropriated funds for the purpose of creating a Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund (the "Program") to assist municipalities and/or developers with stimulating streetscape improvements to enhance the environment for business and attract further investment;

WHEREAS, the Corporation received an Application from the Grantee for funds under the Program for certain streetscape improvements;

WHEREAS, the Corporation's staff has reviewed the Application and recommended to the Corporation's Board of Directors that funds under the Program be granted to the Grantee; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation's Board of Directors has approved the Grant (hereinafter defined) to the Grantee.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the Corporation and Grantee mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE I: GENERAL GRANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I.1 Grant.

The Corporation agrees to make a direct grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 (the "Grant") to Grantee to fund costs associated with the streetscape improvements in the City of Providence, Rhode Island, a description of which project (and associated contracts) were included in the Application and which has an anticipated deadline for completion of January 31, 2026 (the "Project"), which is also described in the Grant Work Plan attached hereto as Appendix A. The Project shall receive funding under the Grant as set forth in the Application attached hereto as Appendix B and shall be completed in accordance with the Grant Work Plan attached hereto as Appendix A. The Award and funding will be subject to all of the terms and conditions set forth herein.

ARTICLE II: CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

2.1 Advance Payments.

Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in the Application attached hereto as Appendix B, the Grantee may request a partial advance payment of the Grant from the Corporation by submitting a written request to the Corporation detailing the specific amount requested to be advanced and the specific reason(s) for the advance payment. In its sole discretion, the Corporation, through its Chief Operations Officer or Chief Financial Officer, may approve and issue an advance payment, provided the specific reason(s) for the advance payment is warranted under the circumstances. Under no circumstances shall the Corporation approve and issue any advance payment(s) under this section in the aggregate exceeding an amount of fifty (50) percent of the total Grant.

2.1 Funding Restrictions.

The Award shall only be used for direct Project expenses. To the maximum extent possible, all funding will be made directly to Grantee or Grantee's contractors, or major subcontractors or materialmen associated with the Project. No portion of the Award shall be used for indirect, "soft," or administrative costs.

ARTICLE III: PROGRESS REPORTING

3.1 Progress Reporting.

Grantee shall provide brief narrative progress reports on a quarterly basis stating the status of the Project. All progress reports will include, but not be limited to: (i) progress reports and/or summary reports for all portions of the Project then being undertaken and (ii) confirmation of the utilization of funds pursuant hereto.

ARTICLE IV: PROJECT INSTALLATION

4.1 Project Installation.

Grantee agrees and acknowledges that the Project (i) will be completed by January 31, 2026; (ii) will be evaluated, studied and installed by Rhode Island licensed professionals; (iii) will be installed in compliance with all federal, state and local codes, laws and requirements; and (iv) will be installed in strict accordance with the manufacturers' instructions. In the event the Project fails to achieve "completion" by the date set forth above, the Project shall be ineligible for such Grant funding, unless an extension request is made by the Grantor in writing and approved by Corporation, in its sole and absolute discretion. The Corporation shall have the right at reasonable times to make an inspection and to enter upon any property that is the subject of an Application during the term of this Agreement to verify compliance with the Act, with applicable rules and regulations and with any conditions imposed by this Agreement or by the Corporation.

ARTICLE V: GRANTEE'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

5.1 Grantee's Warranties.

Grantee or Grantee's contractors shall warrant that the Project realized pursuant to the Grant is in accordance with its customary form(s) of limited project warranty applicable thereto, the form(s) of which may differ depending on the particular application of the Project. Grantee or Grantee's contractors shall furnish copies of the applicable limited warranty to the Corporation upon request. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that any products, components or other parts installed on or in the Project are subject to any warranty issued by any original manufacturer thereof, such manufacturer's warranty shall apply to such products, components or other parts.

5.2 No Adverse Change.

Grantee represents that there are no actions, suits or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of Grantee, threatened against or affecting Grantee, or the properties or other assets of Grantee before any court or governmental department, commission, board, bureau, agency or instrumentality, domestic or foreign, which if determined adversely to Grantee would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, properties or operations of Grantee.

5.3 Organization and Authority.

Grantee represents that it is a Rhode Island municipal entity and has full legal right, power and authority to accept, agree to and acknowledge the Award, and all other agreements and documents required of it, to the Corporation, and that the execution and delivery of the same is not in violation of and will not result in default of any agreements or understandings the Grantee may have with any person or persons.

ARTICLE VI: INSURANCE

6.1 Grantee's Insurance Requirements.

Grantee and its contractors shall obtain and maintain at their sole cost and expense insurances in types and amounts reasonably required by the Corporation, including but not limited to Workers' Compensation Insurance for all employees engaged in the work under this Grant.

ARTICLE VII: TERMINATION

7.1 Termination.

The Corporation reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to terminate this Award, or any portion of it. In the event the Corporation terminates this Award "for cause", which shall occur if a Grantee fails to fully or timely perform any of the covenants under this Agreement, has provided incorrect or misleading information or has failed to provide information which would have influenced the Corporation's actions; then the Grantee shall reimburse the Corporation for all Grant funds expended under this Agreement by the Grantee or on the Grantee's behalf, including interest accrued from the date of disbursement, as well as any costs incurred to collect funds subject to

9.3 Media.

Grantee shall notify the Corporation before releasing or authorizing any statements or information to the media regarding the Project realized pursuant to the Award. Grantee agrees to provide the Corporation with the opportunity to comment on any such statement or release prior to publication.

9.4 Discrimination.

Grantee will comply with all civil rights, equal protection, non-discrimination and employment opportunity laws, regulations and rules applicable to it.

9.5 Officials Not to Benefit.

No member of or delegate to Congress or the Legislature, or officials or employees of the Corporation may share any part of this Agreement or any benefit to arise from it.

9.6 Compliance with Applicable Law and Funding Source Requirements.

Grantee shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal statutes, regulations, ordinances and codes, whether or not specifically mentioned herein.

9.7 Grantee Not Agent of Corporation.

Grantee and any agents and employees of Grantee act in an independent capacity and are not officers or employees or agents of the Corporation in the performance of this Grant.

9.8 No Assignment or Delegation.

Grantee may not assign or delegate this Grant Agreement, or any part of it, or any right to any of the money to be paid under it, except with the written consent of the Corporation.

9.9 No Third Party Beneficiaries.

Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, no other person is a third party beneficiary of this Agreement, and this Agreement creates no third party rights. Specifically, any person who is not a party to this Agreement shall be precluded from bringing any action asserting the liability of a party or asserting any right against a party to this Agreement, through the terms of this Agreement.

9.10 Changes.

Any changes which have been agreed by both parties will be attached and made a part of this Grant Agreement by use of a written amendment. Any such amendment must be dated and signed by the Corporation and the Grantee.

9.11 Right to Withhold Funds.

The Corporation may withhold payments under this Grant Agreement for non-compliance with any of the provisions of this Grant Agreement.

9.12 Tax Compliance Responsibilities of Grantee.

The Grantee is responsible for determining applicable federal, state and local tax requirements, for complying with all applicable tax requirements, and for paying all applicable taxes. The Corporation may issue IRS Form 1099 for Grant payments made and report the grant to the Internal Revenue Service on an appropriate information reporting form. The Grantee shall pay all federal, state and local taxes incurred by the Grantee and shall require the payment of all applicable taxes by any contractor or any persons in the performance of this Grant Agreement.

9.13 Financing Management and Accounting.

The Grantee shall establish and maintain a financial management and accounting system that conforms to generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, the accounting system must keep separate all Grant funds awarded under the Grant Agreement.

9.14 Conflict of Interest.

In connection with the Grant and/or the Project, no elected or appointed state or municipal official (officer or member) shall, while serving as such, have any financial interest, direct or indirect, or engage in any business, employment transaction or professional activity or incur any obligation of any nature which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his/her duties or employment in the public interest and of his/her responsibilities as prescribed in Chapter 36-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island.

9.15 Access to Records.

This Grant Agreement is subject to the Access to Public Records Act (R.I.G.L. § 38-2-1 *et seq.*). The Corporation and duly authorized officials of the State and federal government shall have full access and the right to examine any pertinent documents, papers, records and books of the Corporation and of persons or organizations that the Corporation may contract with, which involve transactions related to this Agreement. The Corporation shall also have the right to examine any books, papers, records or memoranda bearing upon the approval of any grant awarded under the Act, and may require the attendance of any person executing any application, report or other statement, or the attendance of any other person, and may examine such person under oath respecting any matter which the Corporation deems pertinent or material in determining eligibility for Awards claimed under the Act.

ARTICLE X: MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 Captions.

The captions and other headings contained in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

10.2 Severability.

Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction.

10.3 Gender.

Words of the masculine gender shall mean and include correlative words of the feminine and neutral genders and words importing the singular number shall mean and include the plural number and vice versa.

10.4 Integration.

This Agreement and the Application contain the entire agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersede all oral statements and prior writings with respect thereto.

10.5 Governing Law.

The law governing this Agreement shall be the substantive law of the State of Rhode Island determined without resort to the State's conflict of law rules.

10.6 Jurisdiction.

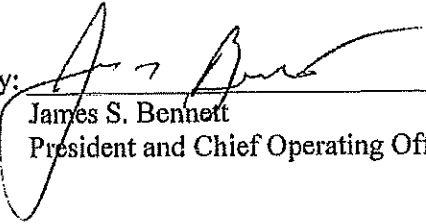
Grantee hereby irrevocably and unconditionally (a) submits to personal jurisdiction in the State of Rhode Island over any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement, and (b) waives any and all personal rights under the laws of any state to object to jurisdiction within the State of Rhode Island or venue in any particular forum within the State of Rhode Island. Nothing contained herein, however, shall prevent the Corporation from bringing any suit, action or proceeding or exercising any rights against any security and against Grantee, and against any property of Grantee, in any other state. Initiating such a suit, action or proceeding or taking such action in any state shall in no event constitute a waiver of the agreement contained herein that the laws of the State of Rhode Island shall govern the rights and obligations of each of Grantee and the Corporation hereunder or the submission herein made by Grantee to personal jurisdiction within the State of Rhode Island.

10.7 Counterparts.


This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives, this GRANT AGREEMENT as of the day and year first written above.

RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION

By: 
James S. Bennett
President and Chief Operating Officer

CITY OF PROVIDENCE

By: 
Courtney Hawkins
Chief Operating Officer

APPENDIX A: GRANT WORK PLAN

The Grantee shall perform the following tasks to complete the grant project:

Citywide Wayfinding

In support of the Mayor Smiley's goal of building safe and healthy neighborhoods, the city is proposing a project that consists of two scopes, both will support better wayfinding and landmark information for business corridors. The first scope is Phase 1 of the Downtown Park Network's Wayfinding Project. The plan includes the creation and installation of wayfinding signage throughout the Downtown Park Network that will establish a unified public facing brand for the downtown parks, running from the Michael S. Van Leesten Bridge to Waterplace Park, inclusive of Greater Kennedy Plaza.

- The project will work to playfully interact with the natural and built features of the environment and celebrate the rich history and culture of downtown Providence.
 - Elements considered are building/landmark signs, map and directory signage, directional signage and interpretive signage on items of historical, social or natural interest.
- An oversight committee will be established to consult on and approve final plans prior to installation.
 - This committee will include representatives from the following organizations: the Downtown Providence Park Network, the Providence Parks Department, the I-195 Commission/District Park, the Providence Foundation, the Providence Downtown Improvement District (DID), the Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau (PWCVB), the Providence Dept. of Planning & Development, the Providence Dept. of Art Culture + Tourism, the Providence Dept. of Public Works, the RI Dept. of Transportation RI Public Transit Authority, the RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission, Brown University and Rhode Island School of Design.

The second scope of this project focuses on the creation and updating of neighborhood signage on Ives Street, Wayland Square and the Crawford Street Bridge.

- The goal of this scope of the project is to create consistent visual branding highlighting the history of the neighborhood and better connecting that unique story to new development and infrastructure in the neighborhood in an exciting way.
 - This will guide pedestrian and bike traffic to business corridors while better establishing neighborhood branding and identity.

Federal Hill Lighting Upgrades

The existing street lighting on Atwells Avenue in the Federal Hill neighborhood of Providence, RI is outdated and does not provide adequate lighting for safety and retail attraction. Additionally, the existing light poles are in various states of disrepair with as many as 15 poles

missing entirely. The parts for the existing lights are obsolete making ongoing maintenance difficult and expensive. The project will be separated into two phases:

- Phase I will dramatically improve the lighting by replacing all identified light fixtures with municipal grade, LED luminaires which will direct light where needed.
 - This phase will also include the replacement of up to 15 missing poles complete with luminaires (pole top lighting fixtures) and GFCI receptacles.
- Phase II will build and improve upon the aesthetic feature of festoon lighting crossing the street.
 - This phase will involve the replacement of up to 16 pairs of poles.
 - The new poles will be taller and engineered to support catenary cable spans.
 - New festoon lighting will be installed on the cable spans.
 - These cables will also be used to support lighted holiday decorations.

Wayland Square Pedestrian Safety

- The Wayland Square Pedestrian Safety Project will include pedestrian safety and traffic calming strategies through the extension of the sidewalk and curb lines to reduce the street width on the streets surrounding the intersection of Wayland Avenue, Angell Street, and S. Angell Street.
- The streetscape improvements will reduce the pedestrian crossing distance at the intersection of Wayland Ave, Angell Street, and S. Angell Street to reduce the time that pedestrians are in the street and improve the ability of pedestrians and motorists to see each other.
- The proposed project intersection is the link between the three streets that meet at this 5 corner intersection where visitors and residents cross to get to the shops, to dine, and to other amenities.

The Project Budget Includes the following:

Project Expense	Amount
Project 1: Commercial Corridor Wayfinding	
Project 1: To create common branding and signage for both the Downtown Providence Parks Network and nearby Commercial Corridors.	
Existing Sign Removal	\$20,000.00
Phase 1 Design	\$31,000.00
Commercial Corridor Design	\$22,000.00
Type 1, 2 & 3 (TPF example)	\$30,000
Type 1,2 & 3 (TPF example) Installation	\$25,000
Type 5 RWP (signs, direction/building entrance) Installation	\$40,000
Type 4 RWP (signs, large map) Installation	\$32,000
	\$200,000.00
Project 2: Federal Hill Lighting	

Project 2: To upgrade the existing street lighting on Atwells to improve safety, enhance aesthetics, and reduce future maintenance costs.	
New luminaires and Removal of existing poles and foundations, installation of new pole foundations and related wiring, engineering and professional services, new poles, new catenary cables, and new festoon lighting. replacement of missing parts and painting of existing poles	\$750,000
	\$750,000.00
Project 3: Wayland Square	
Project 3: To implement pedestrian safety and traffic calming strategies through the extension of the sidewalk and curb lines to reduce the street width along Wayland Square.	
Engineering/Survey	\$10,000
Engineering/Inspection	\$33,000
Police Details	\$18,000
Contingency	\$52,265
Construction includes removing pavement & concrete; removing curb; vertical granite curb (VGC), Pedestrian signal posts; signal modifications; drop inlet, mill pavement (2") & bit. conc. pavement (2"); concrete sidewalk & concrete curb ramp and striping	\$186,735
	\$300,000.00
Total	\$1,250,000.00

The Project Timeline is as follows:

Commercial Corridor Wayfinding

Activity	Completion Date
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Phase 1 Fully Operational	March 31, 2026
Commercial Signage Fully Operational	March 31, 2026

Federal Hill Lighting

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
Engage the lead contractor, C& K Electric and their consulting team	December 31, 2024
Phase 1 Complete	February 28, 2025
Phase 2 Complete	March 31, 2025

Wayland Square

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
Survey	December 31, 2024
Design	March 31, 2025
Advertise Project	April 30, 2025
Award Project	June 30, 2025
Construction	October 31, 2025
Project Completion	January 31, 2026

APPENDIX B: APPLICATION

2024 Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund Grant Application

Providence Commercial Corridor Wayfinding

Section 1. Applicant Information

1. **Applicant Name (City, Town or Entity Name):** City of Providence

Project or Site Address (if applicable): n/a

Plat/Lot Numbers (if applicable): n/a

Size of the parcel/building (if applicable): n/a

Is the applicant a subsidiary or affiliate of another company? Yes No

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Provide a 2-3 sentence description of the applicant: The City of Providence is the capital city of Rhode Island and represents 189,692 people.

RI House District # n/a

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2. **Primary Contact for application**

Full Name: Alice Cintron

Job Title: Grants Manager

Mailing Address: 25 Dorrance Street

City, State, Zip: Providence RI 02903

Phone: 401-680-5731

Email: acintron@providenceri.gov

3. **Grant Applicant Type**

Municipality

Political Subdivision of a Municipality

Economic Development Organization

4. **Grant Type**

Please select Main Street project type and, if applicable, please attach information responsive to the following items. Please check the box next to each item included.

Streetscape Physical Improvements

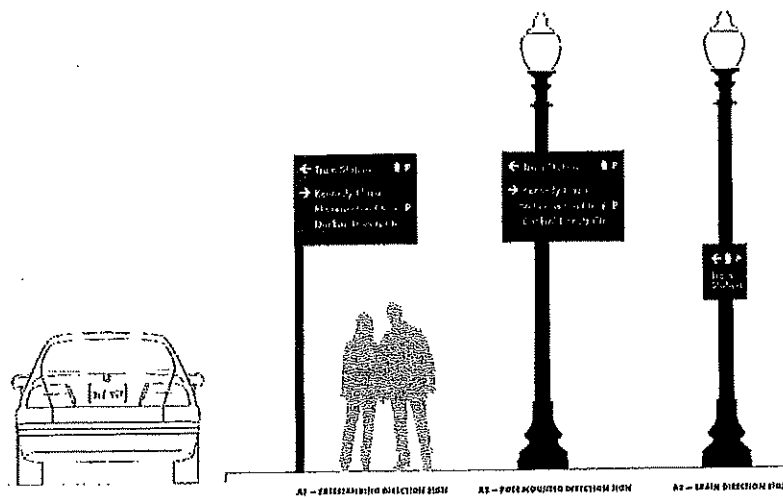
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Renderings and Plans. Provide preliminary architectural elevations, plans and renderings for the project.

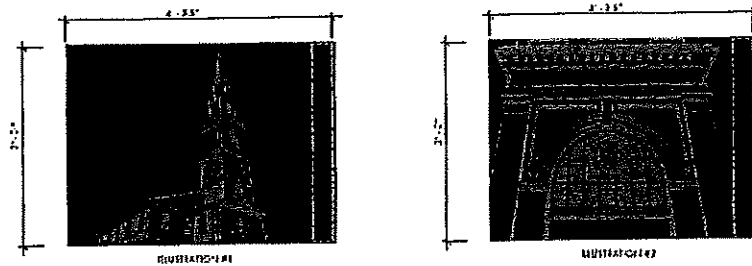
Other information. Description: Click or tap here to enter text.

Streetscape Technical Assistance Provide specific information on project planning, engineering, design, environmental assessment, or other work that is being performed. Click or tap here to enter text.

SIGN TYPES — A1/A2/A3



A1 — FREESTANDING DIRECTION SIGN TYPE — REAR SIGN PANEL ILLUSTRATIONS



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Part 2. Project Narrative

Please use as much space as needed to fully respond to the prompts below.

1. **Project Name:** Providence Commercial Corridor Wayfinding
2. **Project's City/Town** Providence RI
3. **Description of Project Location and Area.** Identify in the space below the district, street(s), etc. where the streetscape project will be implemented. The description should demonstrate that the project area (1) is walkable, (2) has a compact mix of land uses suitable for small business development and commerce, and (3) attracts residents and visitors to frequent the activities located in the area.

This project consists of two scopes and project plans that would create common branding and signage for both the Downtown Providence Parks Network and nearby Commercial Corridors. The project footprint includes 20 acres of waterfront park space including but not limited to Waterplace Park, the Riverwalk, the Michael S. Van Leesten Bridge, the Innovation District Park and Kennedy Plaza. The project also includes signage for commercial corridors on Ives Street, Wayland Square and the Crawford Street Bridge.

The various neighborhoods connect over 3 sq miles and the Downtown, South Water Street, Wickenden Street and Wayland Square commercial corridors. The neighborhoods are connected geographically and supplemented by existing bike infrastructure as part of the City's Urban Trail Network and allow for easy access these to these corridors by scooter or bike. Adjacent to this footprint is Providence City Hall, the Rhode Island State House, the Providence Amtrak/MBTA Station, the Providence Place Mall, multiple restaurants, fourteen hotels, five higher education institutions, the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) Museum.

Increased and consistent wayfinding in these designated areas would improve the ease of navigating these public spaces for visitors, better connect the downtown park system with neighboring commercial districts and celebrating the history of the space.

4. **Detailed Project Description and Statement of Need.** In the space below, provide a detailed description of the project and the streetscape improvements that will result. If this grant will fund a portion of a larger initiative, project, or development, please describe (1) the larger initiative, (2) progress made to-date, and (3) how this grant will contribute to the larger initiative.

In support of the Mayor Smiley's goal of building safe and healthy neighborhoods, the city is proposing a project that consists of two scopes, both will support better wayfinding and landmark information for business corridors. The first scope is Phase 1 of the Downtown Park Network's Wayfinding Project. The plan includes the creation and installation of wayfinding signage throughout the Downtown Park Network that will establish a unified public-facing brand for the downtown parks, running from the Michael S. Van Leesten Bridge to Waterplace Park, inclusive of Greater Kennedy Plaza. The project will work to playfully interact with the natural and built features of the environment and celebrate the rich history and

culture of downtown Providence. Elements considered are building/landmark signs, map and directory signage, directional signage and interpretive signage on items of historical, social or natural interest. An oversight committee will be established to consult on and approve final plans prior to installation. This committee will include representatives from the following organizations: the Downtown Providence Park Network, the Providence Parks Department, the I-195 Commission/District Park, the Providence Foundation, the Providence Downtown Improvement District (DID), the Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau (PWCVB), the Providence Dept. of Planning & Development, the Providence Dept. of Art Culture + Tourism, the Providence Dept. of Public Works, the RI Dept. of Transportation RI Public Transit Authority, the RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission, Brown University and Rhode Island School of Design. The entirety of this project will cost \$412,000, only Phase 1 is included in this application for a cost of \$297,000. The second scope of this project focuses on the creation and updating of neighborhood signage on Ives Street, Wayland Square and the Crawford Street Bridge. The goal of this scope of the project is to create consistent visual branding highlighting the history of the neighborhood and better connecting that unique story to new development and infrastructure in the neighborhood in an exciting way. This will guide pedestrian and bike traffic to business corridors while better establishing neighborhood branding and identity. The cost of this design and installation is \$200,000. The City of Providence's match and any additional dollars available will be used to fund additional signage in other business corridors in Providence.

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Lighting has proven globally to be a tool to prevent crime and increase perceived safety in a neighborhood or community, therefore increasing visitors and walkability. Both Atwells Avenue and Admiral Street are neighborhood commercial districts that are home to residents and businesses and this project would improve quality-of-life and quality-of-space for both communities. Aligned with Mayor Smiley's economic development priorities of supporting commercial corridors, this investment will provide sustainable, LED lighting for the neighborhoods and provide visitors with a safer experience when visiting businesses in the area.

- 6. Project Maintenance and Future Improvements.** In the space below, describe the plan to ensure the upkeep/maintenance/operational sustainability of the streetscape improvement project following their completion. Identify the sources of funds necessary for these efforts in the out years following construction. Applicants requesting technical

assistance support should describe how the project will lead to future improvements in the main street area.

Once properly installed, signage maintenance is minimal, and the City of Providence can provide ongoing graffiti and vandalism removal when necessary. Replacements and reinstallation will be budgeted through neighborhood funds or by additional philanthropic funding.

Part 3. Project Finances

- 1. Total Project Cost:** \$ 612,000
- 2. Requested Award Amount:** \$ 497,541
- 3. Committed Match Amount*:** \$ 100,000

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- 4. Committed Match Include:** Select all that apply.

Cash or Cash Equivalent

Real Estate

- 5. Are there additional or other funds dedicated to support this project?** Yes No
- 6. Please describe the matching funds or additional/ other funds invested in this project:**

The completion of the DPPN signage project will be funded by the organization with support from the City of Providence. The DPPN has submitted funding from other opportunities. After passage of the annual budget, the City of Providence will review other opportunities to expand consistent wayfinding and signage in other commercial districts.

- 7. Evidence of Committed Match (required).** Provide evidence that the committed match funds will be committed to the project prior to the receipt of funds pursuant to this program, for example, a budget enactment, resolution, or letter of commitment from the funding agency. If the committed match consists in whole or in part of real estate necessary for the project that is contributed in order to construct the project, provide an appraisal of the contributed real estate that was conducted within one year of the date of this application. While there is not a minimum required committed match, projects with committed matches of 20% or greater will be prioritized. The City of Providence, if awarded funds, is prepared to utilize \$100,000 of Capital Improvement Plan dollars to support the completion of the project and ongoing maintenance of the project. This budget is reviewed and updated annually and will include any matching awards in the next fiscal year.

8. Project Budget. In the space below, provide a detailed budget for the Streetscape Improvement Project supported by project cost estimates that are incurred directly and exclusively for the work to be performed on the project. The budget must reflect compliance with the requirements of Chapter 37-13 of the Rhode Island General Laws, pertaining to public works wage and labor standards, in the event that the requirements set forth in the Chapter apply to the Streetscape Improvement Project.

Project Expense	Price (if applicable)	Quantity (if applicable)	Total
Existing Sign Removal	\$20,000	N/A	\$20,000
Phase 1 Design	\$45,000	N/A	\$45,000
Commercial Corridor Design	\$30,000	N/A	\$22,000
Type 4 (reference RWP signs, large map)	\$6,500	6	\$39,000
Type 5 (reference RWP signs, direction/building entrance)	\$4,000	17	\$68,000
Type 1 (reference: TPF example)	\$2,559.60	18	\$46,073
Type 2 (TPF example)	\$1,671.60	25	\$41,790
Type 3 (TPF example)	\$751.20	15	\$11,268
Type 4 (reference RWP signs, large map) Installation	\$4,000	6	\$24,000
Type 5 (reference RWP signs, direction/building entrance) Installation	\$3,000	17	\$114,000
Type 1 (reference: TPF example) Installation	\$2804.04	18	\$50,473
Type 2 (TPF example) Installation	\$564.00	25	\$14,100
Type 3 (TPF example) Installation	\$122.40	15	\$1,836
			\$497,541

9. Other Incentives. In the space below, list all federal, state, and local incentives, grants, tax credits or other aid that will or may be received or requested in relation to the creation of the new full-time jobs, and the status of the application for each. This includes, but is not limited to, any incentive sought in relation to the construction, acquisition, lease, or investment in property that facilitates the creation of the new full-time jobs.

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Part 4. Project Timeline

1. **Anticipated Construction Start Date:** July 29, 2024
2. **Anticipated Construction Completion Date:** August 29, 2025
3. **Anticipated Date Project will be Open and Operational, if applicable:**
September 2025

4. In the table below, provide a comprehensive project timeline. Include anticipated dates for site acquisition (if applicable), project start and completion, as well as other project milestones including any city or state approvals required to implement the project. Multi-phase projects must include details for each phase. Projects should be time-limited and substantially complete within eighteen months of an award. If extra space is needed, please attach a similarly formatted table to your grant application.

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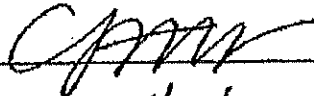
Applicant or Authorized Representative:

Courtney Hawkins

Title:

Chief Operating Officer

Signature:



Date Signed:

4/19/24

2024 Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund Grant Application

Federal Hill Lighting Upgrades

Section 1. Applicant Information

1. **Applicant Name (City, Town or Entity Name):** City of Providence

Project or Site Address (if applicable): n/a

Plat/Lot Numbers (if applicable): n/a

Size of the parcel/building (if applicable): n/a

Is the applicant a subsidiary or affiliate of another company? Yes No

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RI House District # 08

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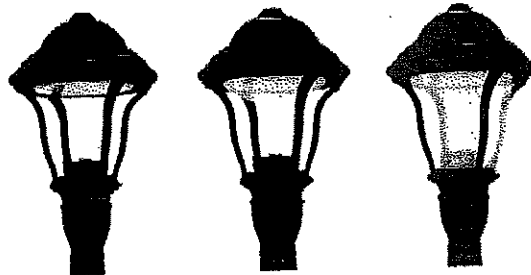
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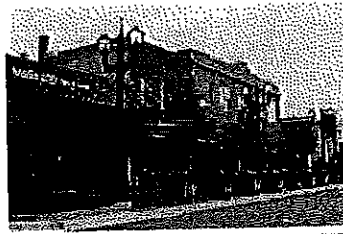
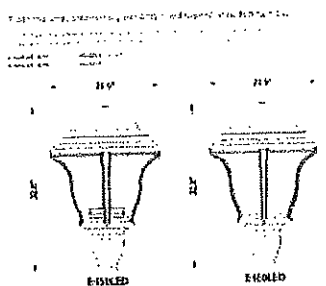
Example of a proposed replacement luminaire:

<https://www.sternberglighting.com/products/612/e450led-e460led-euro-large-scale>

E450LED/E460LED Euro Large Scale



Notes:
 1. The luminaire is designed for use in a variety of applications, including street lighting, plaza lighting, and architectural lighting.
 2. The luminaire is available in a variety of finishes, including black, white, and bronze.
 3. The luminaire is available in a variety of sizes, including 12 inch, 18 inch, and 24 inch.
 4. The luminaire is available in a variety of wattages, including 40 watt, 60 watt, and 80 watt.
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 9. The luminaire is available in a variety of mounting materials, including steel, aluminum, and cast iron.
 10. The luminaire is available in a variety of mounting finishes, including powder coat, electrocoat, and anodized.

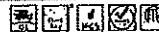
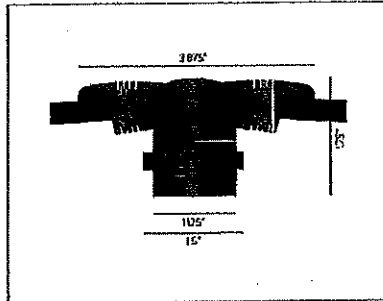
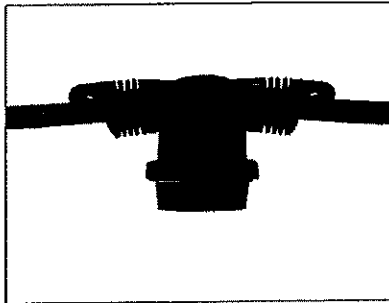


Example of proposed new festoon lighting https://targettusa.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Duralamp_DuraLED-Cable-Light_Spec.pdf



DURALED™ CABLE

Line Voltage Cable Strand



CONCEPT

Cable strand perfect for festoon mounting and garden lighting, tought or strayed

MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Materials	Expects on modified weather proof PVC.
Power Connection	Provided with color coded 2 prong 120V AC plug with 5ft cord and one female 2 hole 120V AC socket with 2ft cord per foot. A correct Box or GFI installation only.
Length	42ft total 43 sockets @ 12' O.C. 24 sockets @ 24' O.C.
Mounting	Evenly or aboth to avoid table
Protection	IP65 for enclosed mounting IP44 for outdoor or exposed mounting
Weight	11' O.C. = 0.55 lbs/ft 24' O.C. = 0.55 lbs/ft

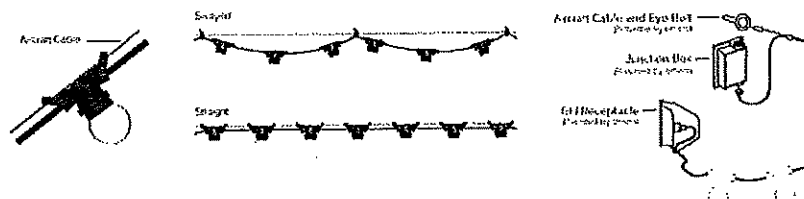
ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Base	E26 For use with DURALED STARGAZER or DECORLED TECHNO VOLTAGE lamp range.
Wattage	5W max per socket 100W Max per continuous wire connected space.
Voltage	120V AC ONLY

CERTIFICATIONS

Energy efficient to California installers
cETLus Listed
RoHS3 EU 2015 1909
* Dark Sky Compliant when using Decorative Shade accessory and DURALED™ STARGAZER lamp.

INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



Other information. Description: Click or tap here to enter text.

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5. **Applicant Description.** In the space below provide (1) a brief description of the organization that covers its governance structure, membership/ constituents, and activities and (2) evidence demonstrating that the applicant has the organizational capacity to undertake and complete the proposed Streetscape Improvement Project.

The City of Providence is the capital and major urban center of Rhode Island, home to approximately 190,000 residents. According to the 2020 census, 50.6% of residents identify as White, 34.1% as non-Hispanic White, 42.9% Hispanic or Latino, 15.8% Black or African American, 6% Asian, 10.6% Multiracial, and less than 1% Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and American Indian. Providence is a diverse, densely populated urban area, with a concentrated population far different from the larger state. Nearly 21% of Providence residents are non-native English speaking, compared to only 8% statewide, and the proportion of foreign-born people in Providence (29%) is more than twice that of Rhode Island. Approximately 26% of the City's total population lives below the federal poverty level. The City of Providence is led by the Office of Mayor Brett P. Smiley, which works alongside a separately elected 15-member City Council. Providence's municipal government offices and departments closely collaborate both with each other and with the State of Rhode Island, as all three branches of state government are located in downtown Providence. Robust community engagement permeates through both branches of municipal government, departing beyond traditional public meetings to encompass commissions, advisory councils, regularly scheduled neighborhood meetings, public-private partnerships, community events, and on-the-ground outreach in many languages. This is exemplified by the Smiley Mayoral Administration's coordination of annual community satisfaction surveys of both residents and businesses. Providence regularly engages in citywide projects that demand investment from multiple departments and encompass all branches and levels of government. Providence is regularly able to unify directives across departments and neighborhoods to execute projects that substantively benefit the quality of life for residents.

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Part 2. Project Narrative

Please use as much space as needed to fully respond to the prompts below.

1. **Project Name:** Federal Hill Lighting Upgrades
2. **Project's City/Town:** Providence RI
3. **Description of Project Location and Area.** Identify in the space below the district, street(s), etc. where the streetscape project will be implemented. The description should demonstrate that the project area (1) is walkable, (2) has a compact mix of land uses suitable for small business development and commerce, and (3) attracts residents and visitors to frequent the activities located in the area.

Atwells Avenue is located in the heart of Federal Hill and is home to a variety of restaurants, businesses, markets and cultural establishments. A centerpiece of the Italian community in Providence, Atwells Avenue hosts thousands of visitors all year long but particularly during the summer and fall when they host al fresco dining on the hill and the Columbus Day Festival.

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The existing street lighting on Atwells Avenue is outdated and does not provide adequate lighting for safety and retail attraction. Additionally, the existing light poles are in various states of disrepair with as many as 15 poles missing entirely. The parts for the existing lights are obsolete making ongoing maintenance difficult and expensive. The project will be separated into two phases: Phase I will dramatically improve the lighting by replacing all identified light fixtures with municipal grade, LED luminaires which will direct light where needed. This phase will also include the replacement of up to 15 missing poles complete with luminaires (pole top lighting fixtures) and GFCI receptacles. Phase II will build and improve upon the aesthetic feature of festoon lighting crossing the street. This phase will involve the replacement of up to 16 pairs of poles. The new poles will be taller and engineered to support catenary cable spans. New festoon lighting will be installed on the cable spans. These cables will also be used to support lighted holiday decorations.

- 5. Project Impact and Public Benefit.** Describe the project's economic and other benefits in the space below. This should include a discussion of how the project aligns with existing and planned economic development investment (both public and private) in the area. Other relevant factors may include, but are not limited to, catalyzing private investment, neighborhood revitalization, elimination of blight, enhancing state and local revenues, environmentally sustainable/energy efficient development, and improvements to public transportation and/or bicycle transportation.

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Part 3. Project Finances

1. Total Project Cost: \$ 2,000,000

2. Requested Award Amount: \$ 1,000,000

3. Committed Match Amount*: \$ 1,000,000

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5. Are there additional or other funds dedicated to support this project? Yes No

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- 1. **Anticipated Construction Start Date:** September 1, 2024
- 2. **Anticipated Construction Completion Date:** November 2025
- 3. **Anticipated Date Project will be Open and Operational, if applicable:**
November 2025

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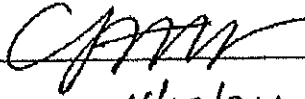
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Courtney Hawkins

Title:

Chief Operating Officer

Signature:



Date Signed:

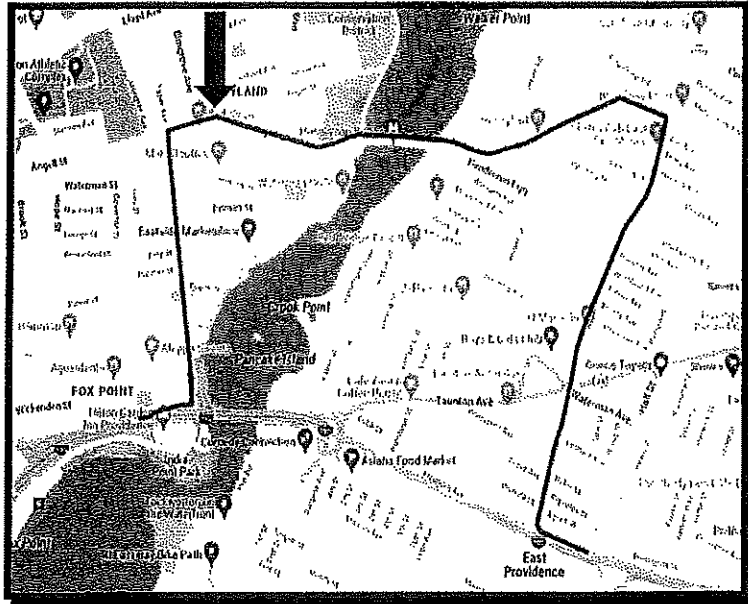
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2024 Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund Grant Application Wayland Square Pedestrian Safety Project

Section 1. Applicant Information

1. **Applicant Name (City, Town or Entity Name):** City of Providence
Project or Site Address (if applicable): Wayland Square at South Angell, Angell and Wayland
Plat/Lot Numbers (if applicable): n/a
Size of the parcel/building (if applicable): n/a
Is the applicant a subsidiary or affiliate of another company? Yes No
Name of parent or affiliate (if applicable): n/a
Provide a 2-3 sentence description of the applicant: The City of Providence is the capital city of Rhode Island and represents 189,692 people.
RI House District # 01, 02
RI Senate District # 03
2. **Primary Contact for application**
Full Name: Alice Cintron
Job Title: Grants Manager
Mailing Address: 25 Dorrance Street
City, State, Zip: Providence RI 02903
Phone: 401-680-5731
Email: acintron@providenceri.gov
3. **Grant Applicant Type**
 Municipality
 Political Subdivision of a Municipality
 Economic Development Organization
4. **Grant Type**
Please select Main Street project type and, if applicable, please attach information responsive to the following items. Please check the box next to each item included.
 Streetscape Physical Improvements
 Site Maps. Provide a map that shows the general location of the project site. Also provide a map that focuses on the project and its immediate surroundings.

Site Map – Location



Site Map – Project Area with immediate surroundings



Renderings and Plans. Provide preliminary architectural elevations, plans, and renderings for the project.

Preliminary Concept – Project Area



Other information. Description: Click or tap here to enter text.

Streetscape Technical Assistance Provide specific information on project planning, engineering, design, environmental assessment, or other work that is being performed. Click or tap here to enter text.

5. **Applicant Description.** In the space below provide (1) a brief description of the organization that covers its governance structure, membership/ constituents, and activities and (2) evidence demonstrating that the applicant has the organizational capacity to undertake and complete the proposed Streetscape Improvement Project.

The City of Providence is the capital and major urban center of Rhode Island, home to approximately 190,000 residents. According to the 2020 census, 50.6% of residents identify as White, 34.1% as non-Hispanic White, 42.9% Hispanic or Latino, 15.8% Black or African American, 6% Asian, 10.6% Multiracial, and less than 1% Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and American Indian. Providence is a diverse, densely populated urban area, with a concentrated population far different from the larger state. Nearly 21% of Providence residents are non-native English speaking, compared to only 8% statewide, and the proportion of foreign-born people in Providence (29%) is more than twice that of Rhode Island. Approximately 26% of the City's total population lives below the federal poverty level. The City of Providence is led by the Office of

Mayor Brett P. Smiley, which works alongside a separately elected 15-member City Council. Providence's municipal government offices and departments closely collaborate both with each other and with the State of Rhode Island, as all three branches of state government are located in downtown Providence. Robust community engagement permeates through both branches of municipal government, departing beyond traditional public meetings to encompass commissions, advisory councils, regularly scheduled neighborhood meetings, public-private partnerships, community events, and on-the-ground outreach in many languages. This is exemplified by the Smiley Mayoral Administration's coordination of annual community satisfaction surveys of both residents and businesses. Providence regularly engages in citywide projects that demand investment from multiple departments and encompass all branches and levels of government. Providence is regularly able to unify directives across departments and neighborhoods to execute projects that substantively benefit the quality of life for residents.

6. Site Readiness Grant Program.

The Site Readiness Program partners with municipalities and/or developers to fund municipal technical assistance and site-specific planning and improvements. Application for funding through a Request for Proposal is now open. For more information visit:

<https://commerceri.com/site-readiness/>

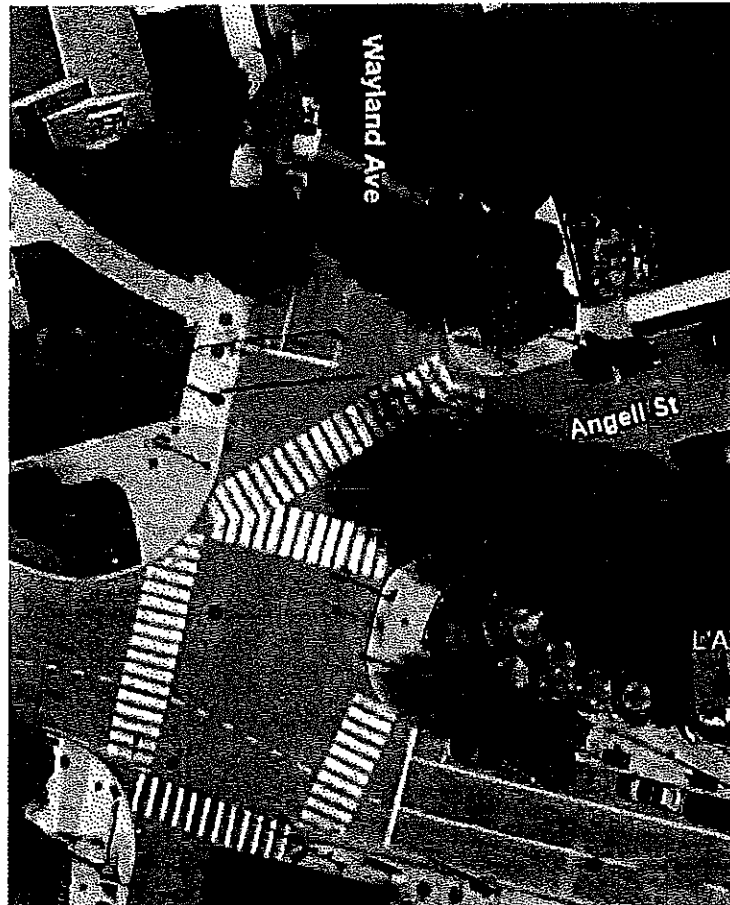
I would like my Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund application materials to also be considered for the Site Readiness Program.

Part 2. Project Narrative

Please use as much space as needed to fully respond to the prompts below.

1. **Project Name:** Wayland Square Pedestrian Safety Project
2. **Project's City/Town:** Providence RI
3. **Description of Project Location and Area.** Identify in the space below the district, street(s), etc. where the streetscape project will be implemented. The description should demonstrate that the project area (1) is walkable, (2) has a compact mix of land uses suitable for small business development and commerce, and (3) attracts residents and visitors to frequent the activities located in the area.

The project is located at the 5-way intersection of Angell Street, S. Angell Street, and Wayland Ave. The project area, in the heart of Wayland Square, connects residents and visitors to the conveniences of city living within walking distance. This mixed-use area is home to a residential neighborhood and significant commercial activity that includes independent retail shops, groceries, cafes, and restaurants within walking distance.



4. **Detailed Project Description and Statement of Need.** In the space below, provide a detailed description of the project and the streetscape improvements that will result. If this grant will fund a portion of a larger initiative, project, or development, please

describe (1) the larger initiative, (2) progress made to-date, and (3) how this grant will contribute to the larger Initiative.

The Wayland Square Pedestrian Safety Project will include pedestrian safety and traffic calming strategies through the extension of the sidewalk and curb lines to reduce the street width. The streetscape improvements will reduce the pedestrian crossing distance to reduce the time that pedestrians are in the street and improve the ability of pedestrians and motorists to see each other. The proposed project intersection is the link between 5 streets from where visitors and residents cross to get to the shops, to dine, and to other amenities.

Pedestrian safety concerns have been exacerbated by the closure of the westbound Washington Bridge. The city is initiating this project in direct response to numerous requests from business owners and residents that frequent the area.

5. **Project Impact and Public Benefit.** Describe the project's economic and other benefits in the space below. This should include a discussion of how the project aligns with existing and planned economic development investment (both public and private) in the area. Other relevant factors may include, but are not limited to, catalyzing private investment, neighborhood revitalization, elimination of blight, enhancing state and local revenues, environmentally sustainable/energy efficient development, and improvements to public transportation and/or bicycle transportation.

Business owners in the Wayland commercial district report that visitors and residents who frequented the area previously now avoid the area due to the significant traffic and concerns for pedestrian safety. There is an economic impact as well. A survey of business owners reported delivery delays, loss of foot traffic, cancelled appointments and revenue loss ranging from \$1500 a day to \$30000 per month. Furthermore, Wayland Square was recently the filming site of the movie Good Burger 2, due to the quaintness of its commercial district. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8i48NJRPeUs> This site cannot accommodate any filming opportunities as the intersection is now also serving pass through traffic of drivers detouring from the I-195 who cross the river over the Henderson Bridge and straight through the intersection of Wayland, Angell and S. Angell Street. These drivers do not intend to stop in Wayland Square, but rather to get home or to work after enduring sitting in traffic. This traffic calming and pedestrian safety enhancements will directly address the concerns raised by business owners and residents.

6. **Project Maintenance and Future Improvements.** In the space below, describe the plan to ensure the upkeep/maintenance/operational sustainability of the streetscape improvement project following their completion. Identify the sources of funds necessary for these efforts in the out years following construction. Applicants requesting technical assistance support should describe how the project will lead to future improvements in the main street area.

These enhancements will be maintained as part of the City's standard maintenance programs. Costs are built into the Capital Improvement Plan.

Part 3. Project Finances

- 1. Total Project Cost:** \$ 350,000
- 2. Requested Award Amount:** \$ 300,000
- 3. Committed Match Amount*:** \$ 50,000

**Applicants are required to have a committed match for the Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund. There is no minimum on the match amount.*

- 4. Committed Match Include:** Select all that apply.

- Cash or Cash Equivalent
- Real Estate

- 5. Are there additional or other funds dedicated to support this project?** Yes No

- 6. Please describe the matching funds or additional/ other funds invested in this project:**
City of Providence Capital Improvement Plan

- 7. Evidence of Committed Match (required).** Provide evidence that the committed match funds will be committed to the project prior to the receipt of funds pursuant to this program, for example, a budget enactment, resolution, or letter of commitment from the funding agency. If the committed match consists in whole or in part of real estate necessary for the project that is contributed in order to construct the project, provide an appraisal of the contributed real estate that was conducted within one year of the date of this application. While there is not a minimum required committed match, projects with committed matches of 20% or greater will be prioritized.

The City of Providence, if awarded funds, is prepared to utilize \$50,000 of Capital Improvement Plan dollars to support the completion of the project and ongoing maintenance of the project. This budget is reviewed and updated annually and will include any matching awards in the next fiscal year.

8. Project Budget. In the space below, provide a detailed budget for the Streetscape Improvement Project supported by project cost estimates that are incurred directly and exclusively for the work to be performed on the project. The budget must reflect compliance with the requirements of Chapter 37-13 of the Rhode Island General Laws, pertaining to public works wage and labor standards, in the event that the requirements set forth in the Chapter apply to the Streetscape Improvement Project.

Project Expense	Price (if applicable)	Quantity (if applicable)	Total
CONSTRUCTION			\$216,735.00
Remove Pavement	\$25.00/sy	134	\$3,350.00
Remove Concrete	\$25.00/sy	49	\$1,225.00
Remove Curb	\$45.00/lf	165	\$7,425.00
Vertical Granite Curb (VGC)	\$70.00/lf	285	\$19,950.00
Pedestrian Signal Posts	\$10,000.00/ea	6	\$60,000.00
Drop Inlet (DI)	\$10,000.00/ea	6	\$60,000.00
Mill Pavement (2")	\$5.00/sy	833	\$4,165.00
Bit. Conc. Pavement (2")	\$120.00/ton	95	\$11,400.00
Concrete Sidewalk	\$100.00/sy	125	\$12,500.00
Concrete Curb Ramp	\$120.00/sy	56	\$6,720.00
Signal Modifications	\$25,000.00/ea	1	\$25,000.00
Striping	\$5,000.00/ea	1	\$5,000.00
ENGINEERING/OTHER			\$133,265.00
Survey	\$10,000.00/ea	1	\$10,000.00
Engineering/Inspection	\$216,735.00	15%	\$33,000.00
Police Details	\$216,735.00	8%	\$18,000.00
Contingency	\$216,735.00	33%	\$72,265.00
		Total:	\$350,000.00

9. Other Incentives. In the space below, list all federal, state, and local incentives, grants, tax credits or other aid that will or may be received or requested in relation to the creation of the new full-time jobs, and the status of the application for each. This includes, but is not limited to, any incentive sought in relation to the construction, acquisition, lease, or investment in property that facilitates the creation of the new full-time jobs.

None

Part 4. Project Timeline

- 1. Anticipated Construction Start Date:** May 1, 2025
- 2. Anticipated Construction Completion Date:** November 28, 2025
- 3. Anticipated Date Project will be Open and Operational, if applicable:**
December 1, 2025
- 4.** In the table below, provide a comprehensive project timeline. Include anticipated dates for site acquisition (if applicable), project start and completion, as well as other project milestones including any city or state approvals required to implement the project. Multi-phase projects must include details for each phase. Projects should be time-limited and substantially complete within eighteen months of an award. If extra space is needed, please attach a similarly formatted table to your grant application.

Activity	Project Timeframe or Completion Date
Survey	July 2024
Design	August – November 2024
Advertise Project	December 2024
Award Project	March 2025
Construction	May to November 2025
Project Completion	November 2025

Part 5. Letter(s) of Support

If the Main Street applicant is not a municipality, a letter of support from the municipality in which the project is located is required. Otherwise, letters of support are optional but recommended. Up to three letters of recommendation from municipal partners, community organizations, businesses, or developers can be included in an application.

Part 6. Applicant Certification

The undersigned is an authorized representative of the Applicant listed below with the authority to bind the Applicant for the proposed Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund Grant Program.

I certify that I have reviewed the information contained in this application and confirm that all statements made in this Application in its entirety including all attachments, etc. are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

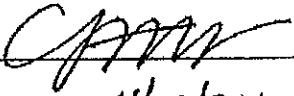
Applicant or Authorized Representative:

Courtney Hawkins

Title:

Chief Operating Officer

Signature:



Date Signed:

4/19/24

City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2024

TO: Purchasing Director

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO PAY FEDERAL HILL COMMERCE ASSOCIATION, FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY**

DISPOSITION: VOTED: The Purchasing Director hereby authorizes Approval to Pay Federal Hill Commerce Association, for Capital Improvement Grant, this grant will fund the existing need for Capital repairs to the Lighting Infrastructure in the Federal Hill Area, for a total amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), all in accordance with the request of Amanda Pontarelli, Deputy Director & CIP Manager, in communication dated May 14, 2024.

cc: Pur.Dir.
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City Clerk