

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 46

Approved January 23, 2023

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) (2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Rhode Island Black Business Association and Inspiring Minds \$170,011.28
(Mayor's Office - PVD Recovery Programs)

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 19 2023
READ AND PASSED



RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT


TINA L. MARTINI, CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor

Date: 1/23/2023



OFFICE OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR
City of Providence

December 12, 2022

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 awards be submitted to the City Council and the Finance Committee for approval:

o **Parks Department:**

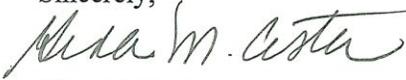
- Award to **Dicenzo, Inc** for "Paul Grande, Jr. Parks Improvements" in an amount not to exceed **\$835,750.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1);
- Award to **Artisan Concrete Services, Inc** for "Neutaconkanut Park Skatepark Expansion Design/build Services" in an amount not to exceed **\$649,500.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1);
- Award to **H.S.I. Construction, Inc** for the "Design-Build Tensioned Fabric Shade Structure for the City Center Rink" in an amount not to exceed **\$1,446,325.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1);

o Department of Public Property:

- Award to **Agostini Construction, Inc** for "Classical High School – School Renovations, 770 Westminster Street, Providence, RI" in an amount not to exceed **\$32,603,700.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1);
- Award to **Maron Construction, Inc.** for "Pleasant View Elementary School – Interior and Exterior Renovations" in an amount not to exceed **\$15,727,000.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1)

- Mayor's Office – PVD Recovery Programs:
 - Award to **Mentor, Rhode Island** for “Expanding High-Quality Mentoring Opportunities” in an amount not to exceed **\$995,000.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1);
 - Approval to pay **Rhode Island Black Business Association and Inspiring Minds** for “ARPA Expanding Operational Capacity Grantees” in an amount of **\$150,000** and **\$20,011.28** respectively in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (2)

Sincerely,



Gina M. Costa
Internal Auditor

Cc: Brian F. Byrnes, Deputy Superintendent of Parks
John – William Moore, Acting Director of Public Property
Bret Jacob, Director of PVD Recovery Programs
Alejandro Tirado, Director of Purchasing
James J. Lombardi, III, City Treasurer



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

December 9, 2022

The Honorable Jorge O. Elorza
Chairman, Board of Contract and Supply
City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Approval to Pay ARPA Expanding Operational Capacity Grantees

MinuteTraq ID Number: 39385

Minority participation: 0%

Account Code: 263-0041-22, 55125

Dear Mayor Elorza,

The City of Providence Office of Economic Opportunity respectfully requests approval to pay Expanding Operational Capacity grantees Rhode Island Black Business Association and Inspiring Minds to construct a minority small business co-work center and provide a community training center to be located at 65 Pavilion Avenue in the Washington Park section of the city.

The City of Providence Office of Economic Opportunity issued a Notice of Funding Availability to support the operational capacity of nonprofit organizations so that they are able to continue to provide critical social services such as small and minority business assistance, behavioral health services, healthcare, job training, food pantries, and childcare to residents of Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) most disrupted by COVID-19. Grant funding of \$1,000,000 is available to Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) oriented nonprofit agencies for targeted capital improvement projects. Organizations can submit applications for an investment in a capital improvement project up to \$150,000.

This funding has been allocated through the City of Providence's ARPA budget, which addresses the areas and populations that have been the most disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Race, ethnicity, and income are the primary factors that fuel these inequities between groups of people. This grant program will provide grants to expand the operational capacity of business, cultural and social support organizations that serve neighborhoods and populations within ARPA Qualified Census Tracts.

Grant funds will be reviewed and approved for allocation on a rolling basis until full allocation: The first two grantees include:

Rhode Island Black Business Association
3 Regency Plaza, Ste 3E
Providence, RI 02903
\$150,000

Inspiring Minds
65 Pavilion Avenue
Providence, RI 02905
\$20,011.28

Respectfully Submitted,

Bret Jacob, Director of PVD Recovery Programs

Financial Approval:

Recovery Office
444 Westminster St, 3rd Floor
Providence RI, 02903

Name of Entity	Proposal Amount Requested	Scores				Average Score	Comments
		Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4		
Inspiring Minds		94	96	100	98	97.00	<p>Reviewer 1: The Program Goal is clear, as are their objectives. I feel like they could have been more descriptive in how they have a proven capacity to deliver a service as I am not familiar with the organization. They did however link their 3-yr. strategic plan which is on their website. The website offers a brief history overview, but couldn't find their achievements. Diverse staff and board of Directors, some of which are BIPOC. Staff is extremely qualified, many of them have Master degrees in childhood development as well as decades of experience teaching and mentoring children from urban areas and neighborhoods. There is a lot of supportive documentation to show their vision including 3 year strategic plan which this project is a part of and quoted receipts for invoices. Budget is detailed and exact with supporting documentation and quotes 97% of their services are for underserved BIPOC children from CCT's. They clearly show how COVID-19 has impacted the educational, social and mental development of these populations.</p> <p>Reviewer 2: The goals and steps that they are taking to achieve them seem clear cut, organized and achievable. Has a long standing reputation of delivering services to the community. They are overbooks in a CCT and serving CCT communities in a strategic location. Is a BIPOC organization and the staff is 100% BIPOC. Staff is experienced and knowledgeable with over a decade in business. Very strategic collaborations though could have used more supporting documentation. Their achievements speak for themselves as they are a well-known and impactful organization in the PVD BIPOC community. Budget was extremely detailed and showed other leveraged funding. It's easy to see how exactly the funds are being used.</p>
Rhode Island Black Business Association		98	97	97	100	98.00	<p>Reviewer 1: See Scorecard</p> <p>Reviewer 2: See Scorecard</p> <p>Reviewer 3: See Scorecard</p> <p>Reviewer 4: See Scorecard</p>

EXPANDING OPERATIONAL CAPACITY NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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Office of Economic Opportunity
Kadeem Leslie
January 10, 2023



Expanding Operational Capacity NOFA

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The Expanding Operational Capacity Grant Program is designed to increase the capacity of nonprofit organizations to provide supportive business, cultural, and social services to communities through the provision of capital funding grants.

These capital funding grants can be used to improve the physical spaces of those nonprofit organizations. Capital improvement projects have many lasting benefits for nonprofit organizations and communities that they serve, such as increasing a nonprofit's ability to occupy a dedicated space or building, lessening the chance of displacement, and offering increased visibility, stability, and overall capacity to carry out the mission of the organization.

Background

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- This program was set to be a grant program that would be able to assist non profits as a catalytic investment to purchase or improve their space.
- Non-profits offer vital resources to the neighborhoods of PVD
- Equity-driven program that offers capital resources to BIPOC non-profits
- Assistance to non-profits whose work improves the lives of residents
- Investments made into BIPOC organizations and organizations whose services impact qualified census tracts disrupted by COVID-19

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1. Public advertisement: November 9, 2023 on [PVDrescueplan.com/apply](https://pvdrescueplan.com/apply).
2. Distributed by staff to organizations
3. Formulation of review committee and departmental review.
4. Sending a letter to BOCS with selected partners and awardees on a rolling basis
5. Execution of contractual Beneficiary Agreement in compliance with ARPA guidelines and COP legal department
6. Create PO to pay awarded organizations

Eligible Applicants



- **Indigenous People** – People who are part of social and cultural groups that share collective ties before European settlement of PVD, RI
- **African Heritage people** - Ancestry originating from sub-Saharan Africa. African American, African, Bi-Racial, Afro-Latino, Cape Verdean, and Afro-Caribbean
- **Qualified Census tracts and neighborhoods** - PVD QCTs include Upper and Lower South PVD, Washington Park, Mt. Hope, Olneyville, Fox Point, Hartford, Elmwood, Smith Hill, Wanskuck, and Manton
- **Residents facing poverty** - Residents earning less than 50% of the median income.

Eligible Funding Areas



- Building and/or Facility Acquisition
- Information Technology Improvements
- Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects
- Renovations or Expansions of Existing Space
- Planning

Awardees



- RIBBA- \$150,000
- Proposed a space that can become an Economic Development hub
- Opportunities for co-working and community and shared space with the public and other groups
- RIBBA also secured \$500,000 in addition to \$1,000,000 in funding to purchase a building close to the Statehouse
- RIBBA has a history of providing support directly to businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19

Awardees (Cont)



- Inspiring Minds - \$20,000
- Proposed a community space design after receiving input from community members, families, and stakeholders
- Serves more than 3,250 students annually
- Maintains over 500 volunteers
- Will increase participation in volunteer workshops
- Provide 125 aspiring BIPOC teachers with support needed for careers in urban schools
- Develop and implement a plan to expand programming to out-of-school time

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Questions?

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