

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 259

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WHEREAS, The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines housing as affordable when the occupant(s) pay no more than 30% of their income on housing related costs; and

WHEREAS, According to HUD's data for the year 2000, 3,523 households within the City of Providence spend greater than 30% of their income on housing related costs; and

WHEREAS, 161 affordable housing units have been created within the City of Providence directly through Neighborhood Opportunities Program (NOP) funding since 2001; and

WHEREAS, \$5,039,646 for NOP projects within the City of Providence has been used to leverage an additional \$44,952,293 of funding from federal and other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby urges the Honorable Members of the General Assembly to support the municipalities of Rhode Island in their attempts to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing for all Rhode Islanders by voting for the passage of Rhode Island House Bill 5175 and Senate Bill 0651, both entitled "An Act Relating To Housing Resources - Neighborhood Opportunities Program", which would increase annual funding for the Program from \$5 million to \$7.5 million dollars.

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2005

A N A C T

**RELATING TO HOUSING RESOURCES - NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES
PROGRAM**

Introduced By: Representatives Fox, Slater, Lewiss, Pacheco, and Rice

Date Introduced: January 25, 2005

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-128-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-128 entitled "Rhode
2 Island Housing Resources Act of 1998" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-128-8. Powers and duties.** -- In order to provide housing opportunities for all Rhode
4 Islanders, to maintain the quality of housing in Rhode Island, and to coordinate and make
5 effective the housing responsibilities of the agencies and subdivisions of the state, the
6 commission shall have the following powers and duties:

7 (1) Policy, planning and coordination of state housing functions. - The commission shall
8 have the power and duty:

9 (i) To prepare and adopt the state's plans for housing, provided however that this
10 provision shall not be interpreted to contravene the prerogative of the state planning council to
11 adopt a state guide plan for housing.

12 (ii) To prepare, adopt, and issue the state's housing policy.

13 (iii) To conduct research on and make reports regarding housing issues in the state.

14 (iv) To advise the governor and general assembly on housing issues and to coordinate
15 housing activities among government agencies and agencies created by state law or providing
16 housing services under government programs.

17 (2) Establish, implement, and monitor state performance measures and guidelines for
18 housing programs. - The commission shall have the power and the duty:

1 (i) To promulgate performance measures and guidelines for housing programs conducted
2 under state law.

3 (ii) To monitor and evaluate housing responsibilities established by state law, and to
4 establish a process for annual reporting on the outcomes of the programs and investments of the
5 state in housing for low and moderate income people.

6 (iii) To hear and resolve disputes pertaining to housing issues.

7 (3) Administer the programs pertaining to housing resources that may be assigned by
8 state law. - The commission shall have the power and duty to administer programs for housing,
9 housing services, and community development, including, but not limited to, programs pertaining
10 to:

11 (i) Abandoned properties and the remediation of blighting conditions.

12 (ii) Lead abatement and to manage a lead hazard abatement program in cooperation with
13 the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation.

14 (iii) Services for the homeless.

15 (iv) Rental assistance.

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17 (vi) Outreach, education and technical assistance services.

18 (vii) Assistance, including financial support, to non-profit organizations and community
19 development corporations.

20 (viii) Tax credits that assist in the provision of housing or foster community development
21 or that result in support to non-profit organizations performing functions to accomplish the
22 purposes of this chapter.

23 (ix) The neighborhood opportunities program, the purpose of which shall be to address
24 the housing and revitalization needs of the state's deteriorating neighborhoods. The neighborhood
25 opportunities program shall provide financial assistance to implement the following three
26 components:

27 (a) The family affordable housing program, the purpose of which shall be to produce an
28 additional supply of housing units at rents affordable to families working at or near minimum
29 wage. State funding will leverage other resources for the production of housing, to create mixed
30 income housing, and to revitalize neighborhoods through the rehabilitation of existing
31 substandard units.

32 (b) The permanent supportive housing program, the purpose of which shall be to produce
33 additional housing for disabled individuals to be coupled with services and case management to
34 stabilize homeless individuals in permanent housing at affordable rents for persons receiving

1 supplemental social security income (SSI).

2 (c) The neighborhood revitalization program, the purpose of which shall be to provide
3 grants to local communities for renovation, demolition, and homeownership opportunities in
4 neighborhoods designated for revitalization.

5 Section 2. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
6 appropriated for the fiscal year 2005-2006, the sum of seven million, five hundred thousand
7 dollars (\$7,500,000) for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, and the state
8 controller is hereby authorized to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of
9 said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt by him of
10 properly authenticated vouchers.

11 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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