

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 256

Approved May 11, 2001

RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby Endorses and Urges  
Passage of Senate Bill 2001-S 0188 and House Bill 2001-H 5401 relating to Housing  
Resources-Neighborhood Opportunities Program, in substantially the form attached.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 10, 2001  
READ AND PASSED

*Barbara D. Young*  
PRES., Acting

*Michael R. Clement*  
CLERK

APPROVED

MAY 11 2001

*Thomas A. Crane*  
MAYOR

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STATE LEGISLATION  
Michele R. Cleary CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON  
State Legislation  
Recommends Approval  
Chair Billings  
May 2, 2001 Clerk

Councilwoman Nolan (By Request)

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=====**S T A T E   O F   R H O D E   I S L A N D****IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY****JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2001**

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**A N   A   C   T****RELATING TO HOUSING RESOURCES - NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM****Introduced By:** Senators Izzo, Kells, Walton, Cicilline and Perry**Date Introduced:** January 30, 2001**Referred To:** Committee on Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Establish, implement, and monitor state performance measures and guidelines for housing program.

- The commission shall have the power and the duty:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(iii) Services for the homeless.

(iv) Rental assistance.

(v) Community development.

(vi) Outreach, education and technical assistance services.

(vii) Assistance, including financial support, to nonprofit organizations and community development corporations.

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

(ix) The Neighborhood Opportunities Program, the purpose of which is to address the housing and revitalization needs of the state's deteriorating neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Opportunities Program shall provide financial assistance to implement the following three components:

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

(b) The Permanent Supportive Housing Program, the purpose of which is to produce additional housing for disabled individuals coupled with services and case management to stabilize homeless individuals in permanent housing at rents affordable for persons receiving supplemental social security income (SSI).

(c) The Neighborhood Revitalization Program, the purpose of which is to provide grants to local communities for renovation, demolition, and homeownership opportunities in neighborhoods designated

for revitalization.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000), for the fiscal year 2002, for the purpose of funding the Neighborhood Opportunities Program. The expenditure of the funds so provided shall be at the direction of the Rhode Island housing resources agency, which shall administer the program.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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**EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF**

**A N A C T**

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

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This act would create and fund a program to address the housing and revitalization needs of the state's deteriorating neighborhoods.

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