

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 185

Approved June 7, 2010

WHEREAS, Family Service of Rhode Island is a critical non-profit in the City of Providence, serving people in need in the City since 1892; and

WHEREAS, Family Service of Rhode Island has worked for many years with various City Departments in service to children and families in need, including the Police Department, Planning and Development, and the School Department; and

WHEREAS, Family Service of Rhode Island is a recognized leader in working with other non-profits in the City, most recently to create the Family Care Community Partnership Program in the City as well as a homeless prevention program; and

WHEREAS, In this spirit of collaboration and leadership, Family Service of Rhode Island is currently developing, in partnership with other city non-profits as well as the School Department, the Police Department and the Mayor's Office, the City's application to the federal Promise Neighborhoods Program, whereby up to \$500,000 in federal dollars may be directed to design a cradle-through-college-to-careers approach-a Promise Neighborhood--for addressing the needs of children in the Lower South Providence neighborhood and eventually other neighborhoods with residents in crisis from poverty, educational issues and other challenges;

WHEREAS, Family Service of Rhode Island is positioning the city--through this current application and through leveraging other public and private funds to create a Promise Neighborhood plan--to compete for a Promise Neighborhood multi-year implementation grant, drawing from \$200 million in federal funds that may be available from the Obama Administration and Congress in the upcoming federal fiscal year; and

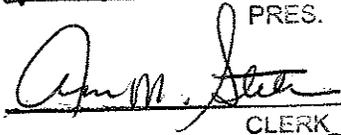
WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Foundation, Textron and Hasbro have already fiscally supported Family Service of Rhode Island's preparation efforts to develop a Promise Neighborhood in the city; and

WHEREAS, Family Service of Rhode Island's Promise Neighborhood initiative has earned the support of U.S. Senator Jack Reed, U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, U.S Representative Patrick Kennedy, and U.S. Representative James Langevin, as well as Mayor David Cicilline, School Superintendent Thomas Brady, Colonel Dean Esserman, Providence's Chief of Police, and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the City Council convey their enthusiastic and unqualified support to the application of Family Service of Rhode Island to the federal Promise Neighborhoods Program.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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PRES.


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MAYOR

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