



December 2021

RENT RELIEF

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Rent relief is available to those who qualify. Call us at (401) 378-3162, and we can help get you started.”

PATRICIA REAVES

Rent Relief Supervisor
ONE Neighborhood Builders



We're available to help tenants get rent relief

Patricia Reaves, our Rent Relief Supervisor, leads a team with expertise in helping renters apply for rental assistance. ONE Neighborhood Builders is one of several agencies authorized to help tenants apply to RIHousing and get a case number.

Since May, ONE|NB has helped more than 1,594 residents with questions and any type of assistance. Of those, ONE|NB has helped 388 residents apply for rental assistance, with 165 approvals, totaling \$1,068,470, with average rent relief per applicant at \$6,475.58.

[Read more about our Rent Relief work](#)



ONE|NB Connects WiFi expansion in Olneyville to begin in January

We're about to move ahead with expanding and upgrading the free mesh WiFi network that we built last year in Olneyville — called ONE|NB Connects. Work will begin in early January. The expansion is expected to fill gaps in the WiFi network, reduce lag times, increase speeds, and expand the service's reach by about 500 households. Currently, 1,640 unique users have accessed the network. The service was put in place to address the urgent need for internet access in the community when the pandemic hit.

Phase Two of the program is being made possible by a \$125,000 [Community Development Block Grant](#) from the state's Office of Housing and Community Development, \$30,000 from the [HarborOne Foundation](#), \$37,500 from [NeighborWorks America Digital Divide](#), and others.

[Read more about our free WiFi](#)



A rendering of The Avenue, which will be built at 434 Atwells Avenue.

ONEINB is awarded \$5.1 million for affordable housing in Providence and East Providence

We're moving forward on two affordable housing developments, thanks to \$5.1 million in awards from the State's Housing Resources Commission.

The State awarded \$3,455,000 for The Avenue, our newest development, which will include 39 new apartments in the Federal Hill neighborhood and the preservation and renovation of 46 existing apartments in the Elmwood neighborhood of Providence. We are seeking other funding now for the \$24 million development.

The State also awarded \$1,676,000 for the Residences at Riverside Square in East Providence. The development, known as the "old Vamco site" at Bullocks Point, will create 16 new affordable apartments for extremely low- to moderate-income households, three of which will be reserved for youth aging out of foster care. The redevelopment of this site will revitalize a long-vacant and blighted property adjacent to the East Bay Bike Path.

[Get more details about these developments](#)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Quality Jobs

Through this Request for Proposals, Central Providence Opportunities is seeking to invest in: organizations that will serve

as “navigators” to connect residents to quality jobs, and ones that have innovative solutions to expand quality jobs in growing industries.



Applications are due by December 23, 2021
via email to [Lucy Berman](#).

[View the Full RFP](#)



Getting in the holiday spirit

Our staff and friends enjoyed fun and food at The District, in Providence, to celebrate the holidays. At left, Antonio A. Rodriguez, our Assistant Director of Asset Management, joins Althea Graves, a member of the ONE|NB Board of Directors, in showing off their colorful Christmas sweaters. Happy Holidays, everyone!

Recent news coverage about our work

ConvergenceRI

[A Voice Of One's Own: Free Wifi Network in Olneyville to expand its reach](#)

The Public's Radio

[First round of spending from March affordable housing bond wins approval](#)

Providence Business News

[R.I. awards up to \\$1.7M to boost internet access](#)

UPRISER!

[First payments in PVD Guaranteed Income Program already effecting positive change](#)

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