



April 2022

## HOUSING

# Severe Shortage Of Affordable Housing In Rhode Island Means Families With The Lowest Incomes Suffer Most



*The Gap: A Shortage of Affordable Homes*, a new report released by the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) and Homes RI, finds a national shortage of 7 million affordable and available rental homes for the lowest-income households.

There are just 36 affordable and available rental homes for every 100 of

the lowest-income renter households nationwide. Seventy-one percent of the poorest renter households are severely housing cost burdened, spending more than half of their incomes on housing, with little left over for other basic necessities. The pandemic has only made things worse. Long-term federal investments are needed to combat this housing crisis for the lowest-income renters.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



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### Capacity Building For Community Health Worker Programs

Central Providence Opportunities: A Health Equity Zone (CPO-HEZ) is seeking proposals from organizations who seek capacity building funds to hire or sustain a full-time Community Health Worker (CHW).

## SPOTLIGHT



### Biz Bodega Holds Open House And Conversation At Office In Olneyville

Business executives, neighborhood advocates, entrepreneurs, and local

officials participated in an intimate conversation during an open house at Biz Bodega on Tuesday, April 5.

Biz Bodega is an initiative of ONE Neighborhood Builders managed by Innovation Studio Inc., a nonprofit whose mission is to make innovation, entrepreneurship, and business ownership attainable through an empowering and inclusive network of community space and individualized pathways.

Biz Bodega seeks to support new and aspiring entrepreneurs and existing small business owners throughout the Central Providence Community by leveraging partnerships with leading business support organizations and by providing mentorship, workshops, and programming out of the space.

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### Testimony Urges Increased Investments In Housing

We testified before the State Senate Finance Committee on Thursday, April 7, 2022, along with other housing advocates in favor of boosting the State's investment of ARPA funds for housing, tax stabilization incentives, and the the historic tax credit.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY





Community health workers from ONE Neighborhood Builders teamed up with a registered nurse on Saturday, April 9, 2022 to provide free health screenings outside of Atlantic Mills. Our mobile health trailer was on hand for nurse Maureen Flanagan to conduct blood pressure and other checks to interested people.

ONE|NB staff was on hand to provide additional information and help filing for Rent Relief, help with utilities, SNAP, health insurance, and more.

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## IN THE NEWS

**The Boston Globe**

**[ONE Neighborhood Builders Unveil New Affordable Housing Developments In Providence](#)**

**ConvergenceRI**

**[Positive Vibrations: Reclaiming The Mean Streets Of Providence, One Building At A Time](#)**

**The Valley Breeze**

**[Officials Set To Meet On Redevelopment Of St. Patrick Church](#)**

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**[Biz Bodega Business Center Open For Central Providence Community](#)**

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Apartments Planned For Former St. Patrick Church



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