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IN THE COMMUNITY

Community-led loan fund advances neighborhood and economic revitalization in Central Providence



Local business owners, nonprofit leaders, and lenders joined ONE Neighborhood Builders and Providence Revolving Fund on June 14 to announce the creation of a new \$500,000 community-led loan fund. The **Central Providence Community Loan Fund** will provide flexible capital to eligible businesses and nonprofits in Providence's 02908 and 02909 ZIP codes.

Funds can be used for projects that revitalize the economy and neighborhoods of Central Providence. All lending decisions will be made by a committee with majority representation from individuals who live or work in Central Providence. Loans will range from \$1,000 to \$20,000 with a 2% interest rate for up to 5 years.

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EN ESPAÑOL: Veronica Martinez, originadora de préstamos hipotecarios residenciales en Centerville Bank, miembro de la junta directiva de ONE Neighborhood Builders y miembro del comité inaugural del Fondo de préstamos comunitarios de Central Providence.

HOUSING

RIHousing funding advances affordable housing development in East Providence



RIHousing has approved more than \$1 million in funding for ONE Neighborhood Builders' construction of 16 new affordable rental apartments on Bullocks Point Avenue called the Residences at Riverside Square, in East Providence.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ONE Neighborhood Builders presents:

FRESH FRIDAYS

Learning & Sharing in
Community
Development



The Zoom panelists included from left, top: Karen Zuniga, Assistant Director of Programs at ONE Neighborhood Builders; Brady Dunklee, Program Manager of Population Health at Integra Community Care Network; from left, bottom: Marimir Lora, Community Health Worker Supervisor at Providence Community Health Center; Surbhi Sardana, Manager of Network Learning at NeighborWorks America.

More than two dozen people joined ONE Neighborhood Builders for the **Fresh Friday**, a monthly, virtual gathering for learning and sharing about community development. The June 17 discussion focused on Community Health Workers and health equity and explored ONE Neighborhood Builders' Community Health Worker Registered Apprenticeship Program.

The Fresh Friday sessions are held on the third Friday of every month, with the next session planned for July 15. Future topics will include a discussion on free community WiFi and modular construction techniques in affordable housing.

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FREE COMMUNITY WIFI

ONE|NB Connects WiFi: A Lifeline In The City



Harry Quiñones, left, of Providence, works with Antonio A. Rodriguez, ONE|NB's Assistant Director of Asset Management, ensuring he's fully connected to the free neighborhood WiFi.

The Phase 2 expansion of our free neighborhood WiFi in Olneyville, called "ONE|NB Connects" has been completed. Harry Quiñones, one of the neighborhood's 7,000 residents, talks about what the network has meant to him and his family.

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Getting a bird's-eye view of free neighborhood WiFi

ONE|NB's Communications Manager Steve Ide goes up in a bucket truck on Amherst Street to photograph some of the access points for ONE|NB Connects in Olneyville.



Thanks to American Tele-Connect Services (ATS) for the lift!

STRIVING TO END SYSTEMIC RACISM



ONE|NB staff attended full-day training from facilitators from Equity & Results on June 10. The full-day anti-racist accountability session delved into the root causes of systemic racism and the role ONE|NB can play in addressing it.

ONE|NB IN THE NEWS

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[\\$500K Community Loan Fund Established To Revitalize Central Providence](#)

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