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Nine Neighborhood Fund Awards Contracts for 3 Health and Well-being Initiatives in Central Providence

The Nine Neighborhood Fund has awarded contracts for three community-led projects aimed to improve the health and well-being of residents in Central Providence.

The awarded projects, included in the participatory budgeting initiative that residents ages 13+ voted on in June 2023, include bike distribution and repairs for qualified residents, peer mental health training for high school students, and water filters to reduce lead in households in the 02908/02909 zip codes.



The [Nine Neighborhood Fund](#) is a participatory budgeting initiative of CPO-HEZ (Central Providence Opportunities: A Health Equity Zone).

Our ONE Central Providence team convenes CPO-HEZ and leads the implementation of the 10-year Central Providence [Roadmap](#). CPO-HEZ is a comprehensive initiative aimed at increasing economic mobility and health equity across nine neighborhoods in Central Providence.

[Learn More About These Projects](#)

Housing coalition urges action to continue commitment to affordable housing, fund rental assistance

On Jan. 12, ONEINB joined two dozen other housing or homelessness agencies in signing HomesRI's letter to urge Governor Dan McKee to include

funding in his FY25 budget that would continue the state's commitment to housing in the coming year.

The letter urged the governor to allocate funds for affordable housing, rental and home ownership assistance programs, legal aid to prevent homelessness, and a rental registry. The total amount requested was \$295.2 million, with a \$250 million bond for building and preserving affordable homes.

[Read the Letter](#)



ONE|NB gets final approval for The Avenue and rehab of 46 apartments in Elmwood neighborhood

We have received final funding approval for The Avenue, a 39-apartment mixed-use building on Federal Hill and for the rehab of 46 older apartments in the historic Elmwood neighborhood, a project we call Elmwood Neighborhood Revitalization (ENRII).

We expect to break ground in a few months. Stay tuned for a date.

The Avenue will include a range of studio to 3-bedroom apartments, as well as commercial space, a fitness center, and on-site parking.

We are grateful to our partners who supported this project, including the [City of Providence](#), [LISC](#), [RIHousing](#), the [Rhode Island Department of Housing](#), and [National Equity Fund Inc.](#)

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Zoning & Affordable Housing Development

On Jan. 26, about 40 people joined our Fresh Fridays virtual event on zoning and its impact on housing in Rhode Island. We learned about the [RI Zoning Atlas](#), a new tool from [HousingWorksRI](#) that maps and analyzes zoning regulations across the state. We also heard from experts and practitioners on the challenges and opportunities of developing affordable and diverse housing in different zoning districts.

Thanks to our panelists for sharing their expertise:

- **Brenda Clement**, Director, HousingWorksRI
- **Bryce Kelley**, Senior Research Analyst, HousingWorksRI
- **Joelle Rocha**, Partner – Real Estate Development & Litigation, Duffy & Sweeney LTD
- **Jennifer Hawkins**, President & CEO, ONE Neighborhood Builders

If you missed the event or want to watch it again, you can read about the session and watch the [video here](#). Stay tuned for our next Fresh Fridays in February. Our topic will be announced soon.

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