



## Advisory Council on Housing and Homelessness Inaugural Meeting

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March 5, 2026

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# Meeting Agenda

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- Introductions
- Purpose of the Advisory Council on Housing & Homelessness (ACHH)
- Words from the Chair
- Updates/Orientation from the Executive Office of Housing (EOH)
  - EOH Staffing/Organization
  - Housing 2030
  - Housing Bond Bill
- Three (3) Year Homelessness Response Plan
- Chair – Role of the Advisory Council in Creating the Three (3) Year Plan
- Discussion/Next Steps

# Advisory Council Mission

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## § 42-128-7. Powers and duties of the advisory council on housing and homelessness.

The advisory council on housing and homelessness shall have the power and duty:

- (1) To consider and make recommendations on all matters submitted to the council by the executive office of housing, the interagency council on housing production and preservation, or the interagency council on homelessness;
- (2) To advise and make recommendations to the executive office of housing on the preparation and promulgation of guidelines, rules and regulations;
- (3) To advise on the development of state housing and homelessness strategic plans and review updates on progress in achieving the goals of the strategic plans; and
- (4) To assemble subcommittees or task forces, at the request of the secretary of the executive office of housing, to review emerging or priority needs and make relevant recommendations to the executive office of housing, the interagency council on housing production and preservation, or the interagency council on homelessness.

# Rhode Island Executive Office of Housing Overview

The RI Executive Office of Housing is the state's agency for housing, homelessness response, and community development, overseeing programs that support these efforts. Key functions include:



**Housing Policy & Planning:** Policy development and long-term plans to improve housing accessibility and affordability.



**Housing Production and Preservation:** Assist in the production and preservation of rental and homeownership units for families and individuals regardless of income or age aimed at meeting RI's housing needs.



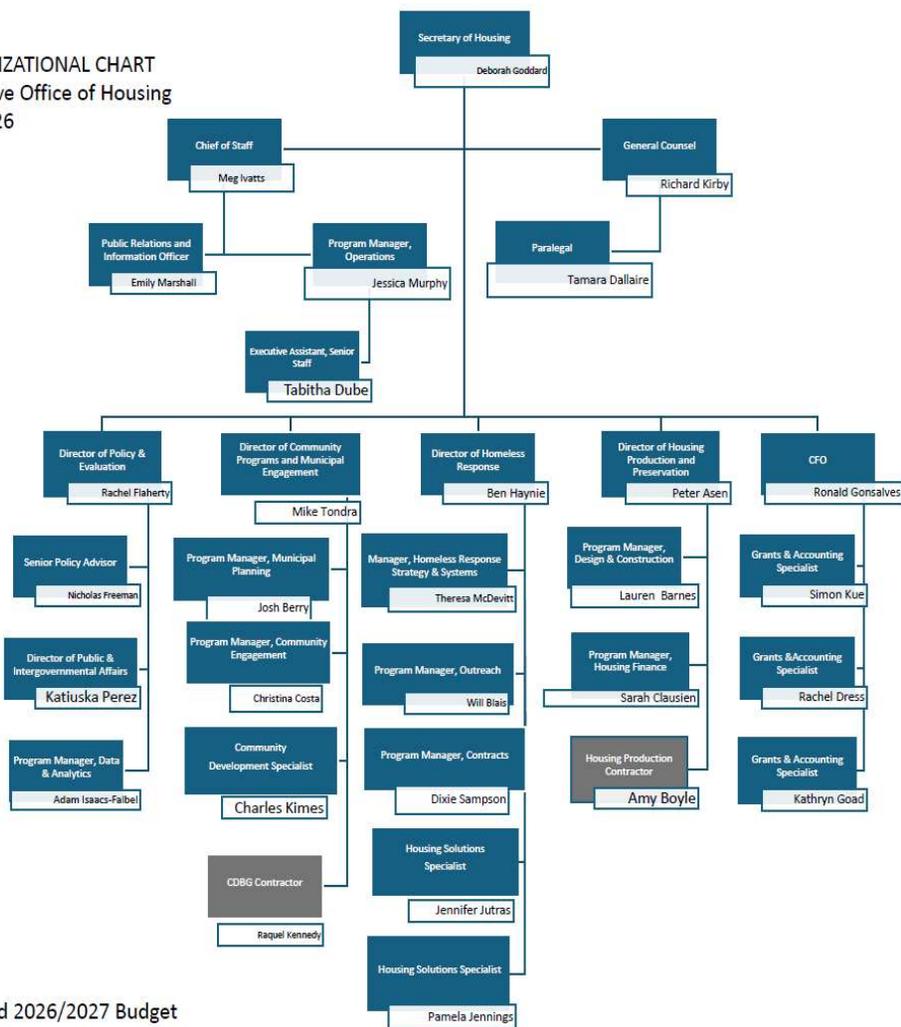
**Homelessness Response:** Administer the state's shelter and diversion program, working with providers to fund temporary emergency shelter, diversion and support services such as housing focused case management to Rhode Islanders experiencing, or at risk of homelessness.



**Community Development and Municipal Engagement:** Invest in infrastructure to improve the quality of Rhode Island communities, provide municipalities with technical assistance.

# Executive Office of Housing

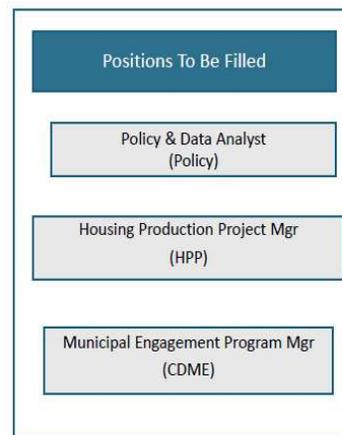
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Executive Office of Housing  
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Submitted 2026/2027 Budget

## Staffing Update:

- 38 positions authorized
- 28 positions filled
- 3 open positions
- EOH has filled several open positions this year (full staff in Homeless Response and filling positions in Housing Production).
- We are taking this opportunity to slow hiring, be good stewards of our budget, and allow the agency to meet its requested constrained budget target.



# Housing 2030 Goals

By 2030 proposing to...



Permit 15,000 new homes



Create 1,000 low-cost homeownership units



Triple recent production of ADUs



Increase permitting of middle-market units by 100%



Permit 2,250 affordable rental units



Preserve affordable homes



Navigate towards 2030 goals

*This would mean more housing options and would...*

Slow housing cost growth and put Rhode Island on a path to healthier vacancy rates

Increase inventory of for sale homes that cost less than \$400k

Expand lower cost options that more families, seniors, and our workforce can afford

Building a variety of home types that meet community needs

Support low and moderate income Rhode Islanders and include 375 permanent supportive housing and 500 extremely low income homes

Maintain affordability that already exists

Complement efforts to improve education, create a healthier RI, address climate change, and build a Rhode to Prosperity

# Implementing *Housing 2030*

*Housing 2030* has been accepted as the official state guide plan element. The office will be tracking progress toward these goals through a new Data Hub, municipal reports, and e-permitting. Looking forward EOH will:

- Implement the **Housing Champions** designation program, a voluntary program for municipalities that enact pro-housing policies preferential access to State resources.
- Deploy a **net fiscal impact study** to provide support to officials that are promoting housing in their municipality.
- Create **Housing Visualizations**, a statewide GIS-based tool to identify sites that are well-positioned for housing and develop renderings to help build public support for housing development.
- Develop and implement **Housing Forward** an educational and capacity building training program to inform the public and local officials of housing issues with a range of resources and training opportunities.
- Provide **Municipal Fellows** to municipalities for consultants to assist with planning work related to housing production.
- Create a menu of ready to use ADU architectural plans and specs for homeowners through an **ADU design competition** aimed at reducing the cost of design and streamlining permitting.

# Update on 2024 Housing Bond and Other Funding

Updates on the work to allocate 2024 housing bond. Gov. McKee has proposed an additional \$120M housing bond to go on the 2026 ballot. \$106M has been released through RFPs so far.

\$66M dedicated to “One Stop” RFP with RIHousing allowing developers access to multiple funding sources

- 38 projects submitted applications, totaling \$176M, **which exceeded available funding by \$110M**
- New: Small Scale, PSH & Preservation Set asides
- \$30M in State LITHC for FY26 included in RFP – more than 4x in requests

\$29M Infrastructure, Homeownership, and Public Development  
*\*EOH run programs*

- Doubled the allocation to \$8M toward infrastructure for housing developments, **and \$20M in applications received.**
- \$1M for A&E for infrastructure for municipalities
- \$10M open now for Homeownership development
- \$10M open now for Public Development

\$11M in programs run by partners

- Carved out \$6M home repair program through the Providence Revolving Fund **-5x the available funding.**
- New approach with the \$5M allocation to Site Acquisition: a revolving loan fund seeded by the bond funds – required a minimum 1:1 match from partner; will provide lines of credit for nonprofits (announcements coming soon).

\$14M in programs pending release

- Second round of homeownership (\$10M) expected in June
- New: Pipeline expeditor coming this spring (\$4M)

# Homelessness Response

## Recent Progress

- Significant systems change, moved from the CES call center to the Regional Access Points (RAPs), making the housing and emergency shelter system easier to navigate.
  - Emphasis on national best practice to focus on housing conversations.
  - Funding for diversion resources
- Held Provider meetings to discuss opportunities for collaboration and improvement.
- Set per bed caps to create a more cost-effective program mirroring best practices used in other CoC's nationwide.

## Looking Forward

- Develop a 3-year plan and strategy for homelessness response.
- Leverage A/M data and findings to make system changes.
  - e.g., Department of Corrections collaboration
  - Identify and eliminate duplication across state agencies.
- Create meaningful and uniform performance metrics.

# Other New Business

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Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 9:30am