

HOUSING NETWORK
OF RHODE ISLAND



MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORT 2021-2022



ABOUT

The Housing Network of Rhode Island is the state's membership organization of fifteen community development corporations and nonprofit housing developers across Rhode Island. Our members have longstanding commitments to the communities they serve, which they put into action by developing affordable homes and responsive resident-centered programming.

This report highlights the impact our member organizations have on Rhode Island and its residents. Members' investments in affordable home development produce a ripple effect throughout the state, directly benefitting Rhode Islanders and all thirty-nine cities and towns.

The report focuses on the following areas of impact:

- **Economic:** how our members strengthen the Rhode Island economy as employers and property owners
- **Development:** how our members grow the inventory of affordable homes available to low-income Rhode Islanders
- **Community:** how our members respond to the needs and aspirations of the residents they serve to build thriving communities

The Housing Network of Rhode Island is committed to strengthening our member organizations and increasing awareness of and support for policies that address Rhode Island's urgent affordable housing and community economic development needs. We achieve our mission by serving as conveners, champions, advocates, and capacity builders for our membership. Our collective work creates tangible state and community change, transforming the lives of low-income Rhode Islanders and neighborhoods. You can learn more about our work and our members by visiting www.housingnetworkri.org.



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*Data not provided for survey
†Supporting member

Impact on the Rhode Island Economy

As **employers**, HNRI members contributed **\$60,560,792** to RI's economy in organizational expenses.

386 full time employees



\$21,080,372 in wages

96%



47%

RI residents

people of color



\$2,244,129 in health benefits



\$462,330 in retirement benefits

As **property owners**, HNRI members contributed **\$28,330,250** to RI's economy and supported 500+ businesses.

Support to Businesses:

85%

of vendors were based in Rhode Island

20%

of vendors were minority or women-owned businesses

HNRI members have developed **59** commercial properties totaling **93,581** square feet.

Industries Supported by Affordable Housing Development:



Construction



Finance & Insurance



Maintenance & Repair



Professional Services



Real Estate Services



Transportation & Warehousing



Utilities

Affordable Homes Developed by HNRI Members

889

homeownership units

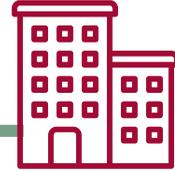


7,440

total homes

6,551

rental homes

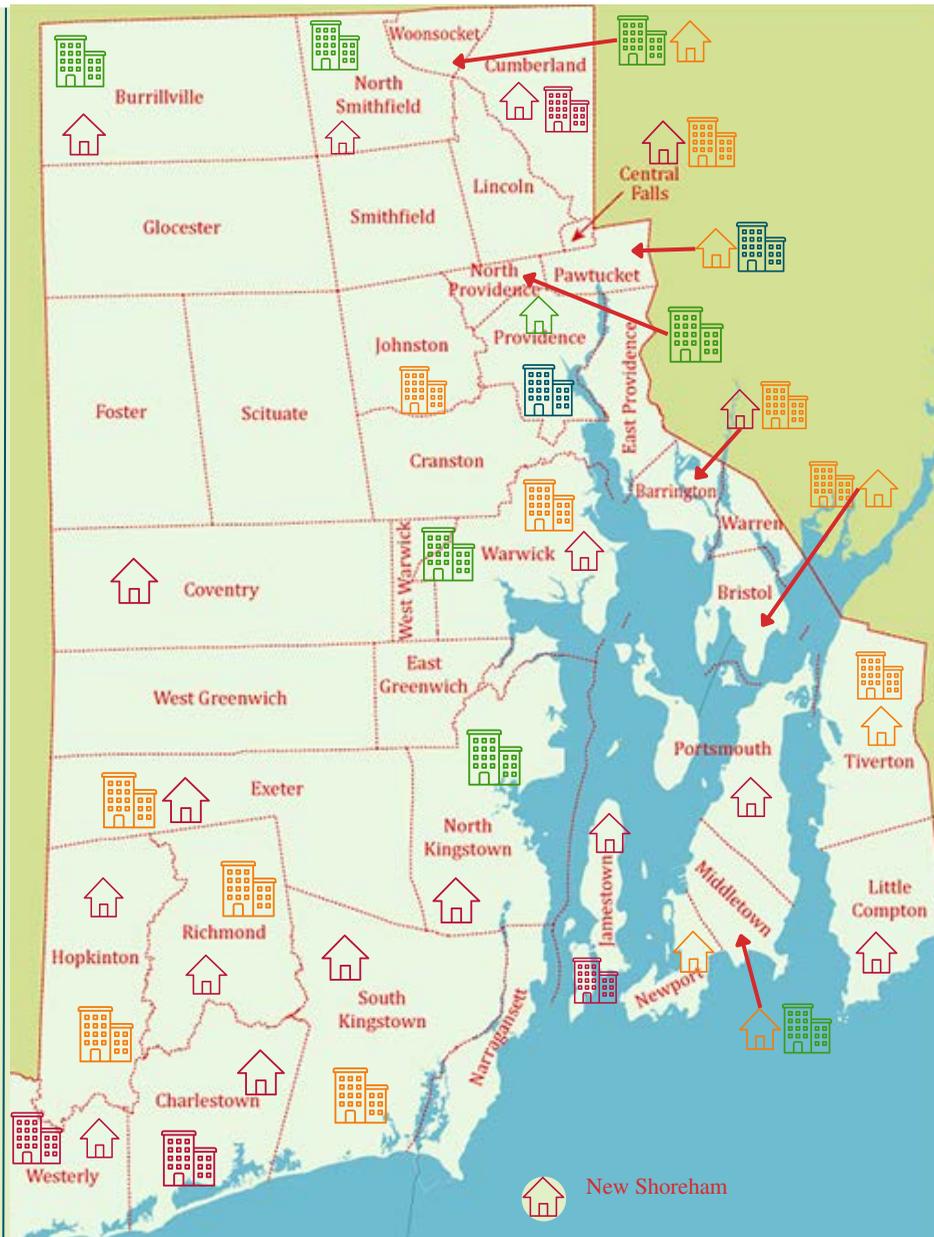


Key*

-  = 1-25 units
-  = 26-100 units
-  = 101-500 units
-  = 2,000+ units

 homeownership units

 rental homes



* Icon placement not representative of location within municipality

Impact on Rhode Island Communities



3,892

people served through arts, culture & community events

341

youth served through educational & social emotional development programs



166

people placed in jobs as a direct result of workforce development programs



651

people aged 62+ served through programs for older adults



52

residents served through leadership development programs



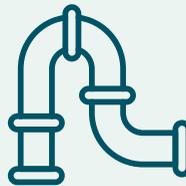
5,841

people received a total of 100,810 hours of case management



\$611,659

spent making **162** homes lead safe



\$3,033,124

in financial assistance provided to **701** tenant households to stay housed



\$232,500

awarded to **18** households in home improvement loans



112

homes made energy efficient



65%

of members offer health and wellness programs and activities

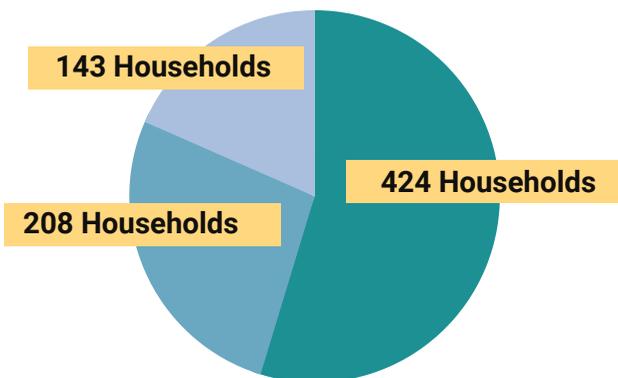


100%

of members offered vaccination clinics, rent relief, tests and masks, emergency food and shelter, and other supports in response to the COVID-19 pandemic



- First Time Homebuyer Education
- Financial Coaching
- Foreclosure Prevention



Community Development Highlights

House of Hope Community Development Corporation

Over the past 5 years, the Shower to Empower program has provided free, low-barrier showers, medical care, haircuts, and street-based case management for people experiencing homelessness. Built on the belief that housing is a basic human right, the program has served 1,200+ Rhode Islanders, building meaningful relationships and using innovative strategies to restore dignity and extend radical hospitality.



NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley

Since opening in 2017, the Millrace Incubator Kitchen has supported over 50 small food entrepreneurs in launching or expanding their businesses. From caterers and food trucks to specialty bakers and pasta makers, Millrace provides affordable, certified workspace, increasing opportunities for economic growth, community building, and tasty food in the Woonsocket area.



West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation

Sankofa Gardens and World Market arose to meet the needs of an ethnically diverse community, who reported being unable to find fresh, affordable food reflective of culturally specific diets. The gardens and market have transformed formerly blighted properties into a thriving community centered on food and culture, and expand economic opportunities for local residents.



South County Habitat for Humanity

The South County ReStore covers 100% of the administrative expenses of the organization, so all donations go directly toward the homebuilding mission. In the past 5 years, 3,228,538 lbs. of material have been diverted from landfills, \$2,483,491 have been raised, and volunteers have donated 51,022 hours to make the store successful.



Pawtucket Central Falls Development

PCFD's comprehensive, bilingual Homeownership Program creates impactful homeownership and economic opportunities. The program includes HUD-approved pre-purchase homebuyer and landlord/tenant education classes, reaching more than 150 families a year. In just 6 years, the Homeownership Program has served 1,070 participants, primarily BIPOC and low to moderate income people, to improve quality of life, and build housing equity and generational wealth.



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