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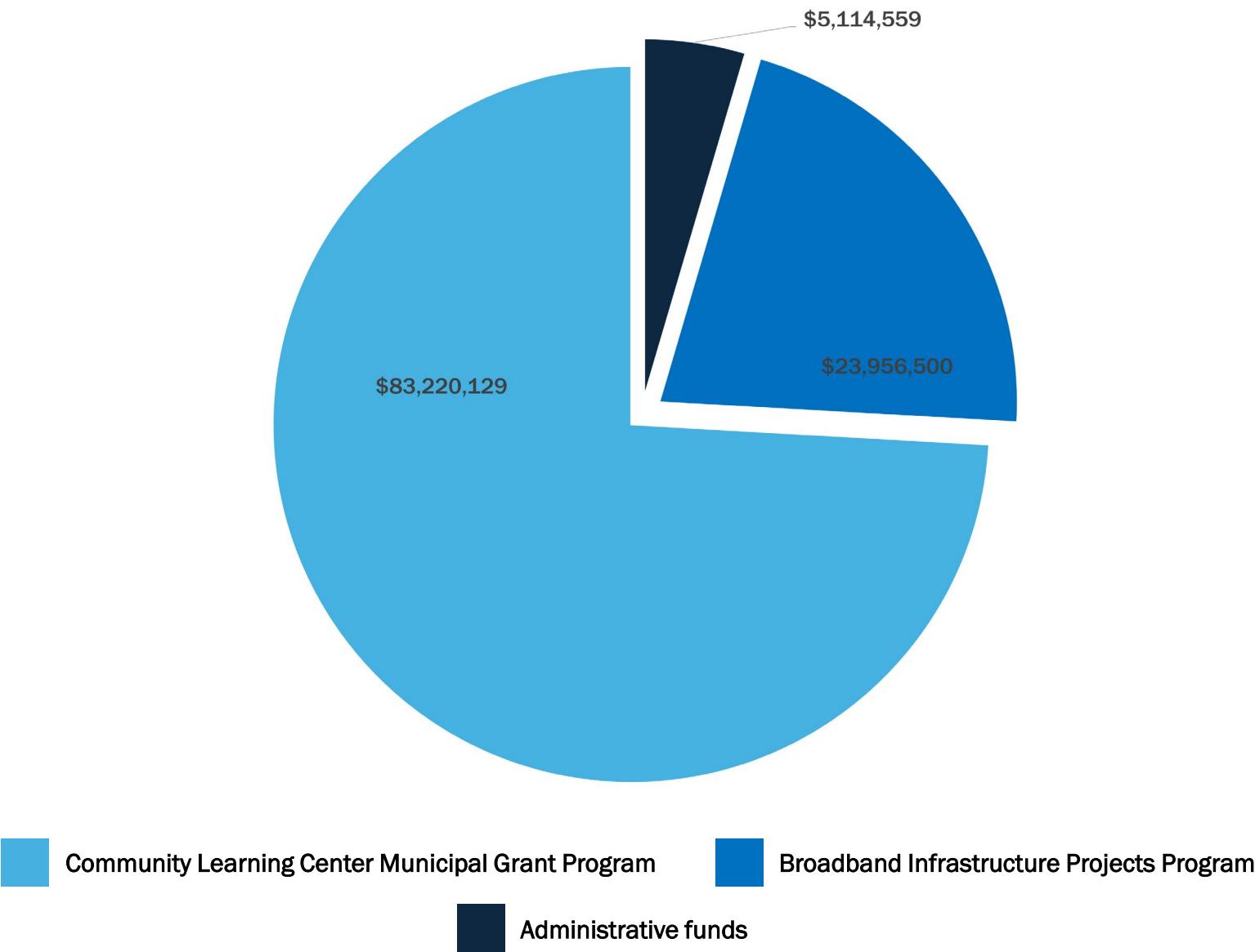
Overview

In accordance with guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Governor McKee and the Rhode Island General Assembly have deployed the State’s \$112.3 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF) allocation to invest \$23.9 million in high-quality broadband infrastructure and \$83.2 million for the construction or renovation of multipurpose community facilities that directly and jointly enable work, education, and health monitoring. The remaining \$5.1 million, allocated by the U.S. Department of Treasury as administrative funds, is being used to support the management of CPF and its approved programs by the State’s Pandemic Recovery Office (PRO).

U.S. Department of Treasury approved the CPF Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program (previously referred to as the ConnectRI Last Mile Grant Program) on March 28, 2023. This program is being implemented by the Rhode Island Executive Office of Commerce acting through the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (Rhode Island Commerce).

U.S. Treasury approved the CPF Community Learning Center (CLC) Municipal Grant Program (previously referred to as the Multipurpose Community Facility Projects grant program) on July 18, 2023. The Pandemic Recovery Office (PRO) is implementing this grant program

Distribution of Rhode Island's CPF allocation



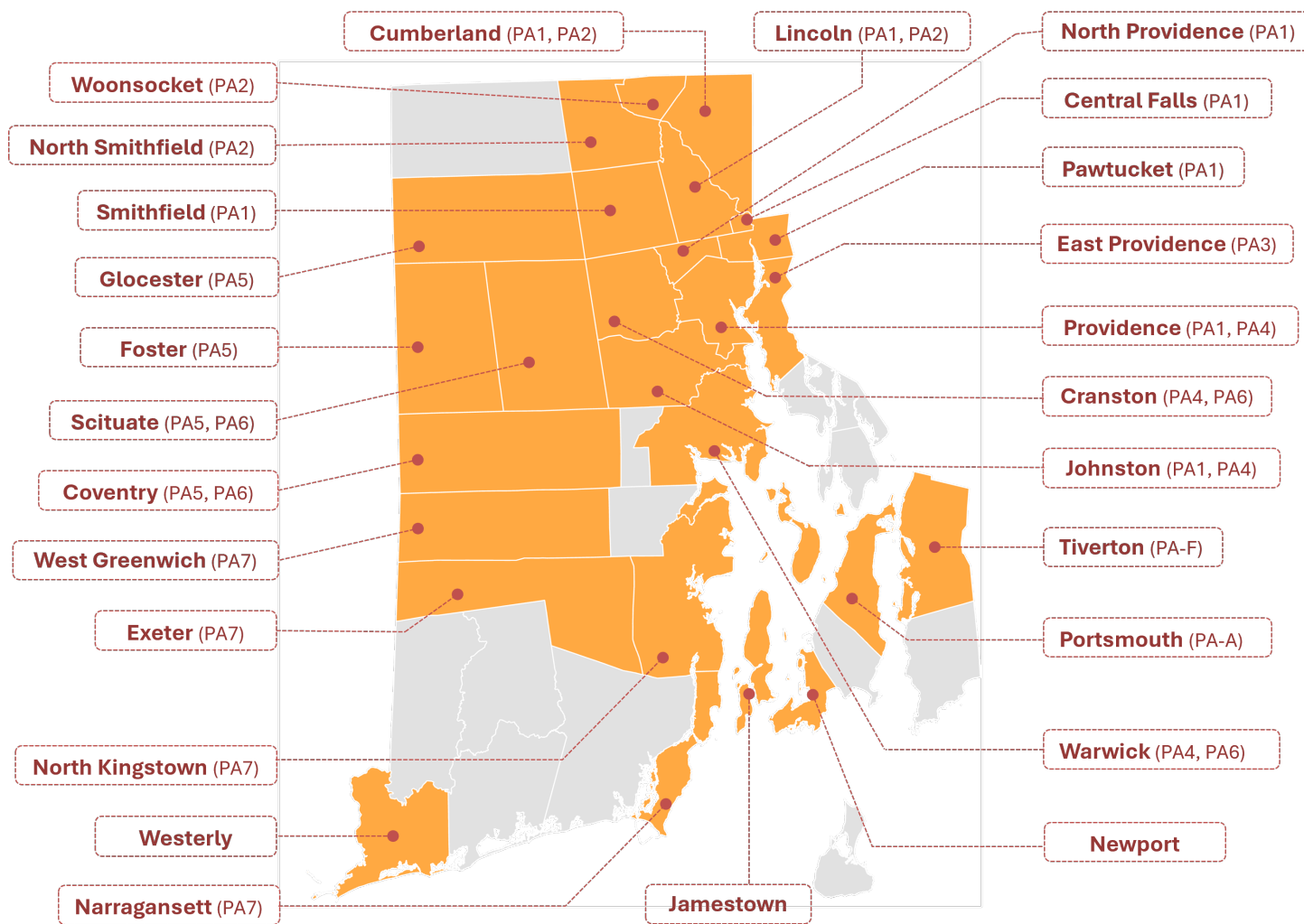
Overview: Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program

Through a competitive Request For Proposal (RFP) process, Rhode Island Commerce has selected two vendors, Verizon New England, Inc. (Verizon) and Netspeed, LLC, dba GoNetspeed (GoNetspeed), to provide end-to-end fiber infrastructure to locations that are otherwise unserved or underserved by high-speed internet in 26 municipalities in Rhode Island. Collectively, these CPF-funded projects will provide fiber internet that reaches speeds of at least 100/100mbps to over 16,000 locations.

Due to the significant matching funds provided by the qualifying vendors, the total broadband infrastructure investment is \$51,627,464, which represents a 115.5% increase beyond the original CPF funding amount. As a result, CPF funds are reaching approximately two-thirds more households and small businesses than initially anticipated.

Vendor contracts for all the project areas were signed in the first quarter of 2025. As of June 30, 2026, 147 miles of fiber have been installed, with 4,206 broadband serviceable locations (BSLs) open for service. All projects are scheduled for completion by December 31, 2026, consistent with U.S. Treasury requirements.

Map of CPF Broadband Infrastructure Project locations (PA: Project Area)



Map developed by Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning (Source: RIGIS, Esri)

Overview: Community Learning Center Municipal Grant Program

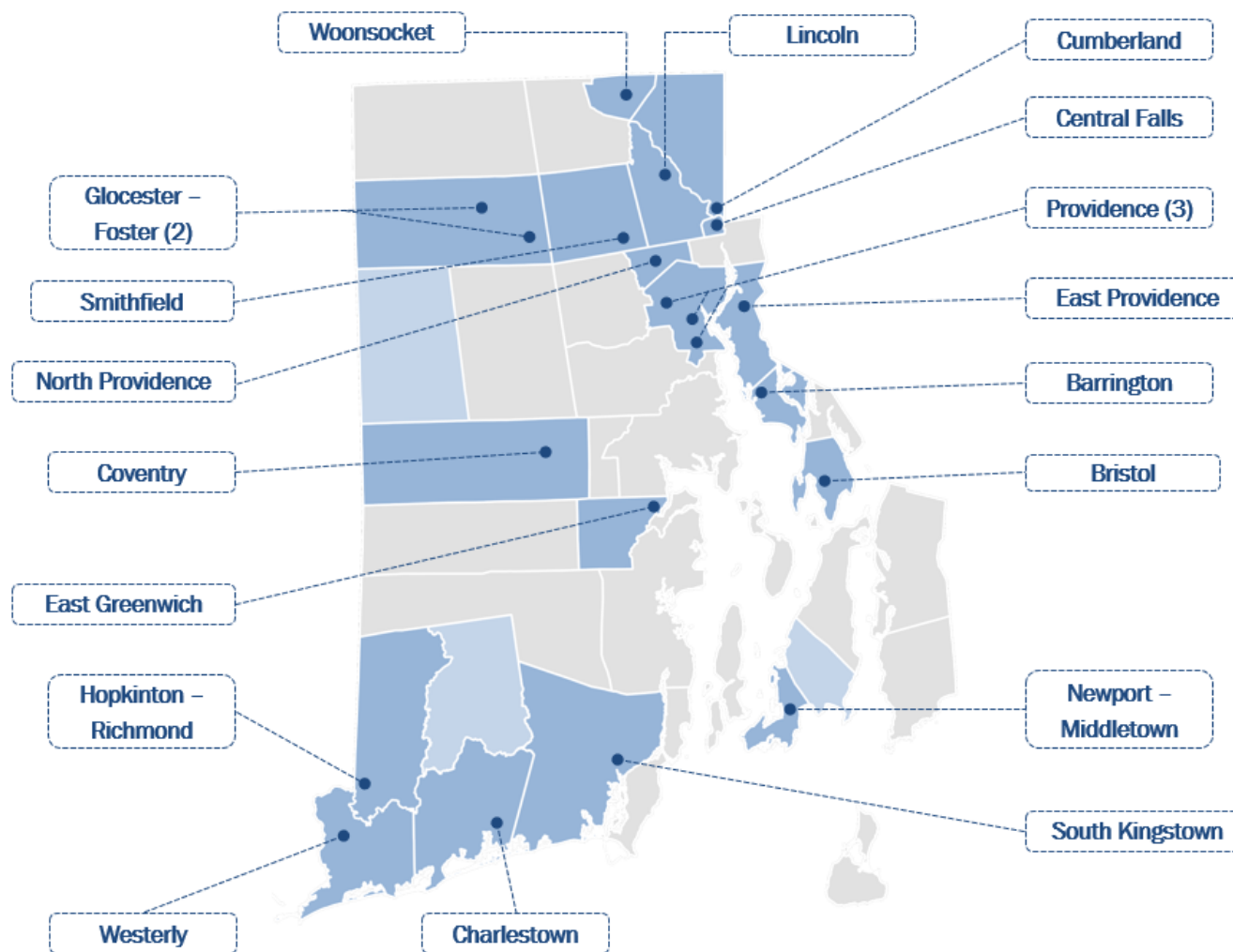
COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER MUNICIPAL GRANT

In accordance with a process approved by U.S. Treasury, PRO launched the grant application on August 7, 2023, to invite eligible projects and municipalities to apply for this funding. To be eligible, municipalities signed on to the Governor's Learn365RI compact and attested to complying with all Treasury requirements for the project, programs, and grant management.

The State entered into subaward agreements with municipalities for projects with fully developed proposals and viable project schedules and budgets. Twenty-one projects in eighteen municipalities were awarded \$81.7 million in CPF Community Learning Center (CLC) funds in 2024. In February 2026, U.S. treasury approved the reallocation of \$0.5 million from Rhode Island's administrative funds to this grant program increasing the program amount to \$82.2 million.

Eight projects have completed construction as of the submittal of this report. Construction on all other projects is on track to be completed by October 31, 2026.

Map of CPF Community Learning Center project locations



Map developed by Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning (Source: RIGIS, Esri)

Overview: Community Learning Center Municipal Grant Program

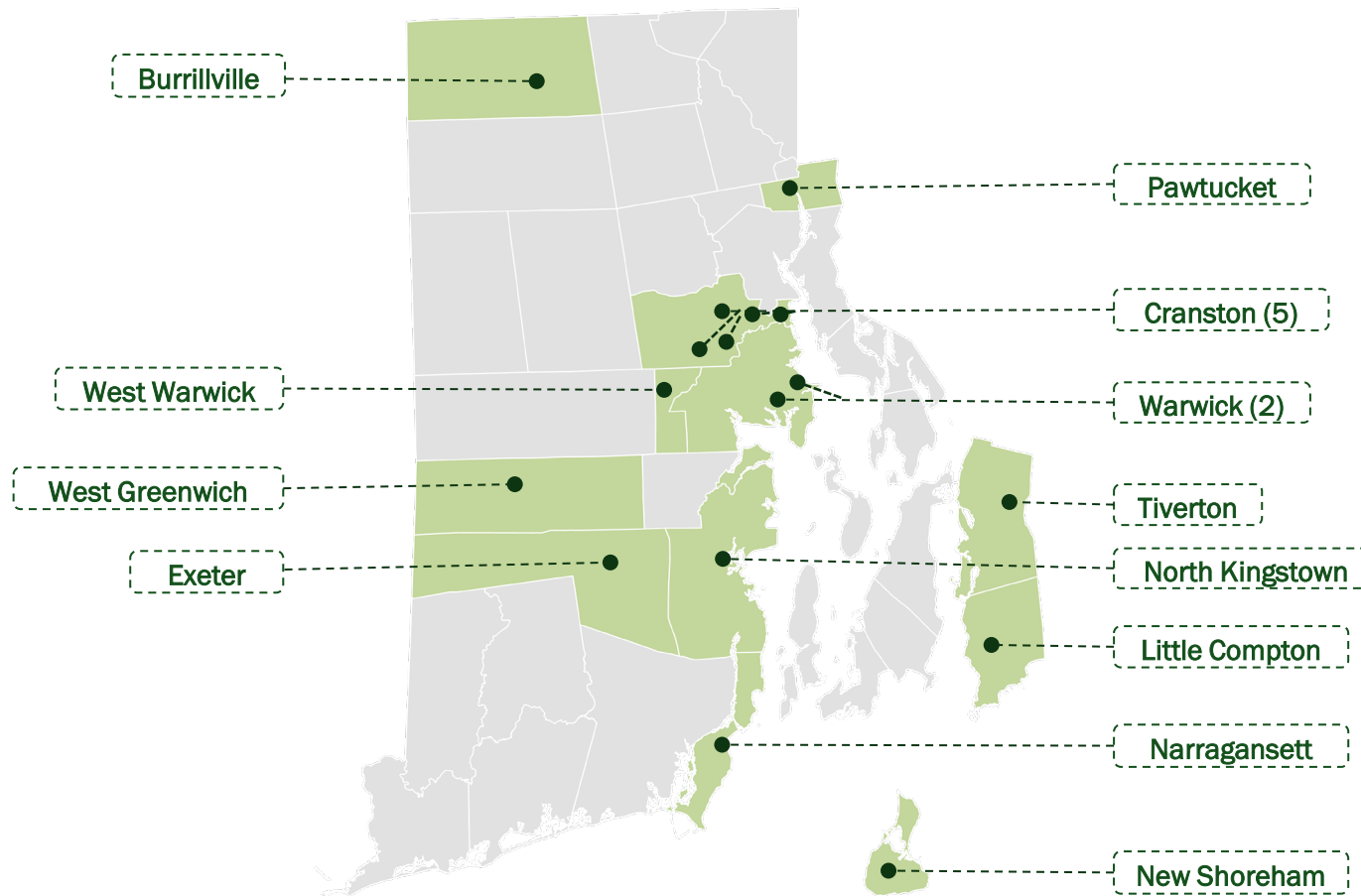
COMMUNITY LIBRARY MUNICIPAL GRANT

In February 2026, U.S. Treasury approved the reallocation of \$1 million from Rhode Island's CPF administrative funds to its 1C program (Multipurpose Community Facility Projects grant program). This enabled the State to administer a second round of the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program. This round is called the Community Library Municipal Grant (CLMG) Program, and it provides CPF funds to community libraries for CPF-allowable capital projects in eligible municipalities that did not receive funding for the construction or renovation of a community learning center.

The Pandemic Recovery Office (PRO) is implementing this round of grants using the same process as was used for the community learning center construction/renovation program. The State entered into subaward agreements with 12 municipalities for 17 library projects in June 2026 obligating \$973K of the CLMG funds..

The CLMG capital projects are expected to be completed by October 31, 2026, and to expend all grant funds by December 31, 2026.

Map of CPF Community Library Municipal Grant project locations



Map developed by Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning (Source: RIGIS, Esri)

Program Information

Program Title: CPF Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program

Approved Program Plan Number (as provided by Treasury): 111

Program Start Date: 10/02/2023

Program End Date: 12/31/2026

Total CPF Funds Allocated to this Program: \$23,956,500.00 *

Program Title: CPF Community Learning Center Municipal Grant Program

Approved Program Plan Number (as provided by Treasury): 252

Program Start Date: 08/03/2023

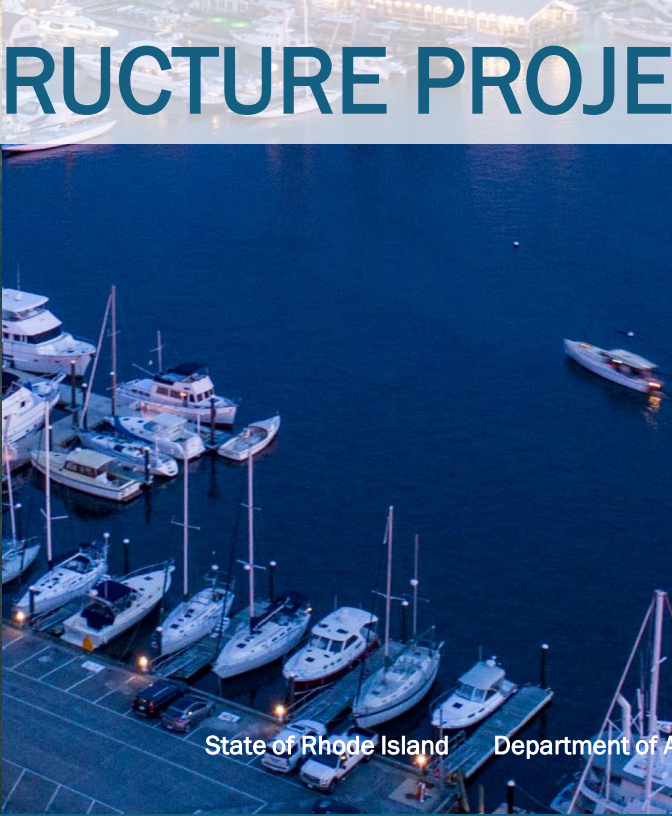
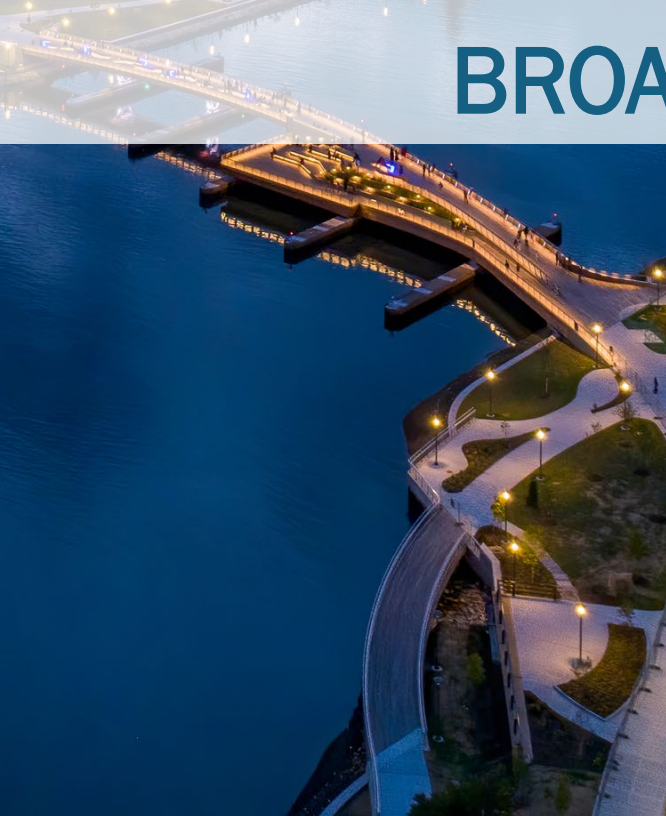
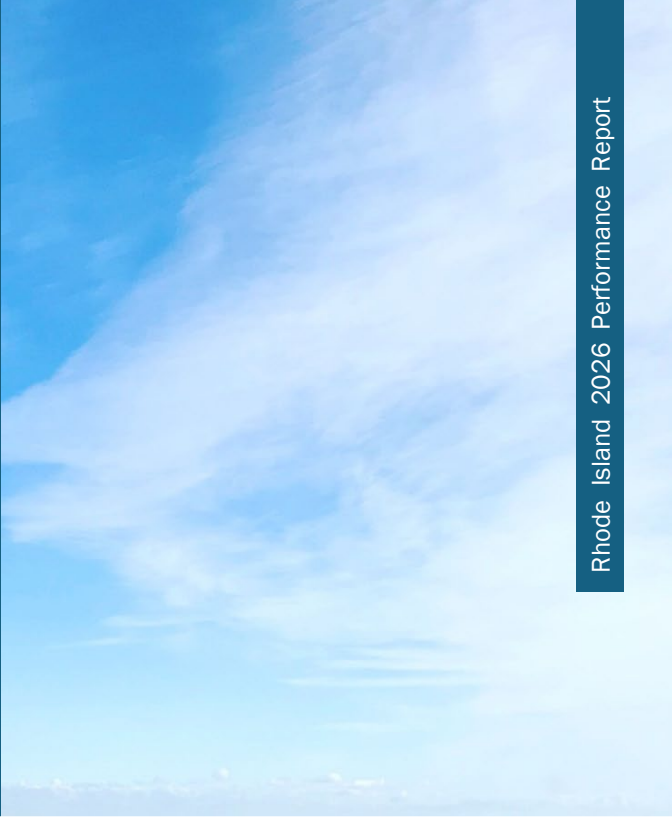
Program End Date: 12/31/2026

Total CPF Funds Allocated to this Program: \$83,220,129.55 *

Title: CPF Administration Program

Total CPF Funds Allocated: \$5,114,559

** Figure only reflects the actual CPF program funds. All administrative costs are included in CPF Administration Program.*



BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS PROGRAM

Executive Summary

The State of Rhode Island is using its Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF) allocation to invest in last-mile broadband infrastructure to ensure all Rhode Islanders have access to high-speed, reliable internet, which is vital for education, healthcare, economic development and communication in the digital age.

Rhode Island has set the following goal:

Leverage a best-in-class, resilient, sustainable, and scalable broadband infrastructure to propel the state's 21st century economic, education, healthcare, civic and social engagement, and quality of life, by ensuring all Rhode Islanders have access to affordable, accessible, reliable high-speed internet in their homes, at their places of employment, and at public facilities by 2030.

To support this goal, Rhode Island will leverage CPF dollars to directly support broadband infrastructure projects in the state through the CPF Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program plan, which was approved by U.S. Treasury on May 21, 2024, with additional amendments approved in September 2024 and December 2024. This program is being implemented by the State's Executive Office of Commerce acting through the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (Rhode Island Commerce).

Specifically, the Rhode Island Commerce will use CPF funding to do two things:

- Improve speed, resilience, and latency of current last-mile networks by ensuring such networks can support 100/100 Mbps average real speeds for all users, and is scalable to 1/1 Gbps, with a latency equal to or less than 100 milliseconds. If it is determined to be impracticable for a project to deliver services at 100/100 Mbps due to geography, topography, or excessive cost, the proposed project must be designed so that it reliably meets or exceeds 100/20 Mbps and is scalable to a minimum of 100/100 Mbps in the future.
- Provide affordable broadband access to homes and businesses. For the CPF Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program, "affordable" is defined as providing a binding commitment to a non-promotional price for the lowest speed tier (100/100 Mbps), as specified by the Proposer, for a period of no less than five (5) years.

The projects will directly support opportunities for Rhode Islanders to use broadband services for work, education, and health monitoring. All projects will be designed to address a critical need of the community that the project will serve.

The Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program funding will provide grants for last-mile connections in project areas, which are not currently served by a reliable wireline connection that delivers at least 100 Mbps of download speed and 100 Mbps of upload speed and latency equal to or less than 100 milliseconds. Rhode Island Commerce issued three separate Requests for Proposals, with vendor selection completed for all 12 project areas as of February 25, 2025. Contracts were signed on March 31, 2025. Verizon and GoNetspeed were selected to provide end-to-end fiber infrastructure to locations that are otherwise unserved or underserved by high-speed internet in the following 26 communities:

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| • Central Falls | • North Kingstown |
| • Coventry | • North Providence |
| • Cranston | • North Smithfield |
| • Cumberland | • Pawtucket |
| • East Providence | • Portsmouth |
| • Exeter | • Providence |
| • Gloucester | • Scituate |
| • Foster | • Smithfield |
| • Jamestown | • Tiverton |
| • Johnston | • Warwick |
| • Lincoln | • Westerly |
| • Narragansett | • West Greenwich |
| • Newport | • Woonsocket |

Executive Summary

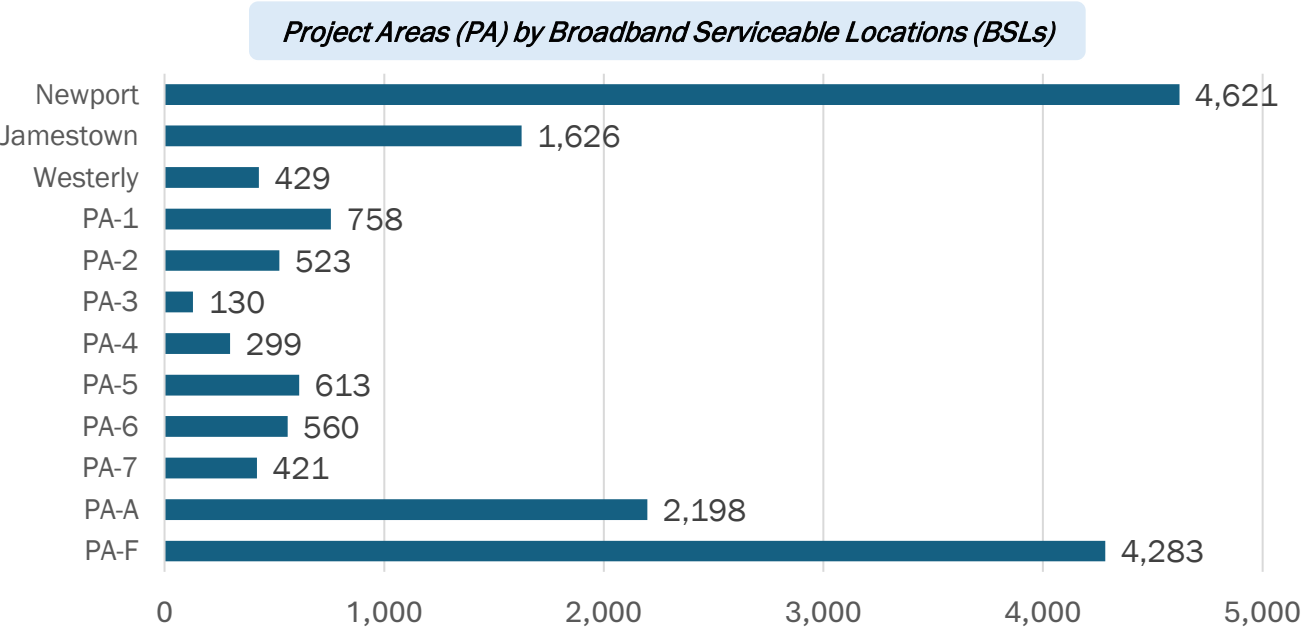
Collectively, these CPF-funded projects will provide fiber internet that reaches speeds of at least 100/100mbps to over 16,000 broadband serviceable locations (BSLs).^{*} Due to the significant matching funds provided by the qualifying vendors, the total broadband infrastructure investment is \$51,627,464, which represents a 115.5% increase beyond the original CPF funding amount. As a result, CPF funds are leveraging approximately two-thirds more households and small businesses than initially anticipated.

All project areas were under construction by April 1, 2026. As of June 30, 2026, 147 miles of fiber have been installed, with 4,206 BSLs open for service. As of the date of this report, all CPF broadband projects are targeting substantial completion by December 31, 2026.[^] Substantial completion will include submission of evidence demonstrating optical power level of project area network segments and evidence of broadband connectivity at eligible locations.

^{*} Total Number of BSLs in each project area subject to change during project implementation.

[^] PRO asked U.S. Treasury for an extension of the project completion deadline for Newport on July 3, 2026. That extension request was granted on July 20, 2026.

Project Area (PA)	Municipalities served
Newport	Newport
Jamestown	Jamestown
Westerly	Westerly
PA-1	Central Falls Cumberland, Johnston, Lincoln, North Providence, Pawtucket, Providence, Smithfield
PA-2	Cumberland, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Woonsocket
PA-3	East Providence
PA-4	Cranston, Johnston, Providence, Warwick
PA-5	Coventry, Foster, Glocester, Scituate
PA-6	Coventry, Cranston, Scituate, Warwick,
PA-7	Exeter, Narragansett, North Kingstown, West Greenwich
PA-A	Portsmouth
PA-F	Tiverton



Uses of Funds

In alignment with the approved CPF Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program Plan, CPF funds totaling \$23,956,500 will provide subawards for last-mile broadband infrastructure projects to GoNetspeed and Verizon for 12 project areas (PA) that encompass 26 municipalities.

The projects will achieve the following outcomes:

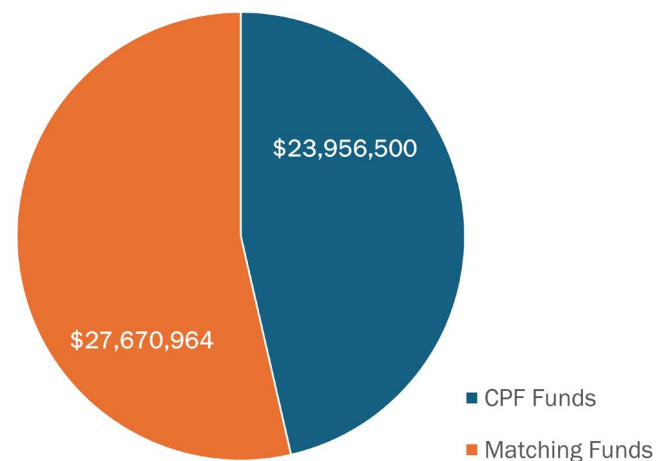
- Improve speed, resilience, and latency of current last-mile networks by ensuring that such networks can support 100/100 megabits-per-second (“Mbps”) average real speeds, and
- Provide affordable broadband access to homes and businesses, where “affordable” is defined as providing a binding commitment to a non-promotional price for the lowest speed tier (100/100 Mbps), as specified by the Proposer, for a period of no less than five (5) years.

The vendors were selected through three (3) separate Request for Proposals (RFP) processes executed by Rhode Island Commerce that fully adhered to Rhode Island’s procurement statutes and regulations.

Due to the significant matching funds provided by the selected vendors, the total broadband infrastructure investment is \$51,627,464, which represents a 115.5% increase beyond the original CPF funding amount. As a result, CPF funds are servicing approximately two-thirds more households and small businesses than initially anticipated.

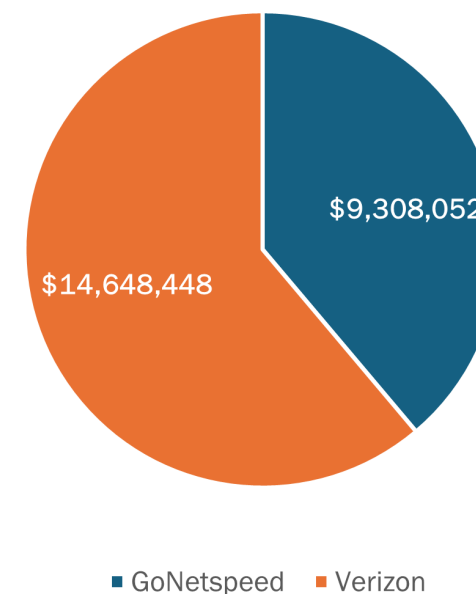
It is anticipated that the CPF investment will improve broadband access for over 16,000 broadband serviceable locations (BSLs) spanning nearly 500 miles.* This is an estimated total cost per BSL of \$3,136 and an estimated subsidy cost per BSL of \$1,455 per location.

Total Anticipated Investment
\$51,627,464



* Total Number of BSLs in each project area subject to change during project implementation.

CPF Investment by Vendor



Summary of CPF Broadband Infrastructure Deployment

Data as of 6/30/2026

Project Area	# of BSLs	Fiber Miles	CPF Award Amount	Match Amount	Total Cost	Total Cost/BSL	CPF Award/BSL
Newport	4,621	83	\$9,308,052	\$3,989,165	\$13,297,217	\$2,878	\$2,014
Jamestown	1,626	44	\$2,071,245	\$2,278,669	\$4,349,914	\$2,675	\$1,274
Westerly	429	10	\$1,564,635	\$907,055	\$2,471,690	\$5,762	\$3,647
PA-1	758	45	\$1,560,759	\$2,544,116	\$4,104,875	\$5,415	\$2,059
PA-2	523	26	\$1,150,928	\$1,902,196	\$3,053,124	\$5,838	\$2,201
PA-3	130	6.5	\$474,282	\$710,310	\$1,184,592	\$9,112	\$3,648
PA-4	299	27	\$935,498	\$1,560,135	\$2,495,633	\$8,347	\$3,129
PA-5	613	32	\$635,659	\$1,142,646	\$1,778,305	\$2,901	\$1,037
PA-6	560	18	\$727,579	\$1,181,395	\$1,908,974	\$3,409	\$1,299
PA-7	421	32	\$821,947	\$1,425,428	\$2,247,375	\$5,338	\$1,952
PA-A	2,198	55	\$1,651,334	\$3,066,762	\$4,718,096	\$2,147	\$751
PA-F	4,283	120	\$3,054,582	\$6,963,087	\$10,017,669	\$2,339	\$713
Total	16,461	498.5	\$23,956,500	\$27,670,964	\$51,627,464	-	-
Average	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,136	\$1,455

* Total Number of BSLs in each project area subject to change during project implementation.

Summary of CPF Broadband Infrastructure Deployment

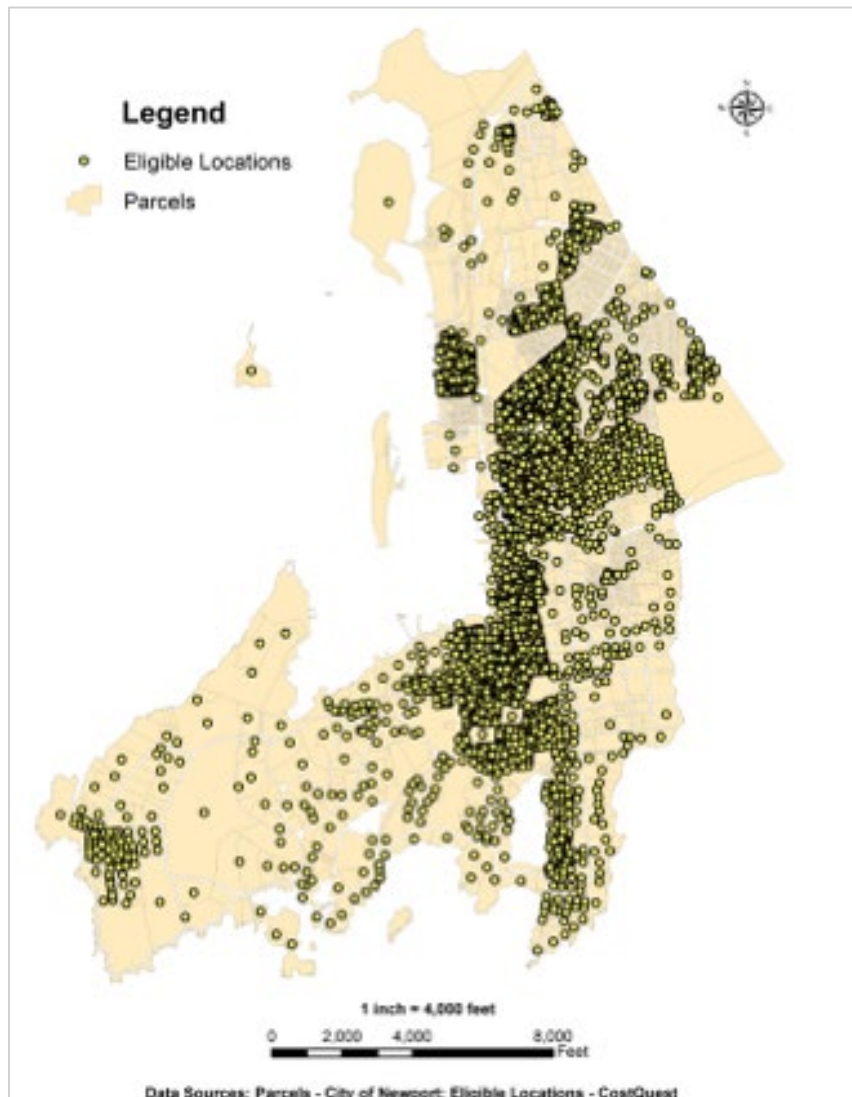
Data as of 6/30/2026

Project Area	Total BSLs *	Business Locations	Community Anchor Institute Locations	Residential Locations †	Housing Units at Residential Locations
Jamestown	1,626	55	0	1,571	1,982
Newport	4,621	475	85	4,061	4,061
Westerly	429	64	1	364	1,018
PA-1	758	134	0	624	1,702
PA-2	523	61	0	462	1,280
PA-3	130	39	0	91	588
PA-4	299	167	3	129	888
PA-5	613	30	0	583	640
PA-6	560	47	1	512	1,159
PA-7	421	102	1	318	705
PA-A	2,198	115	2	2,081	2,839
PA-F	4,283	299	0	3,984	5,789
Total	16,461	1,588	93	14,780	22,651

* Total Number of BSLs in each project area subject to change during project implementation.

† A residential location is defined by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as a location that is or contains “housing units” or “group quarters” based on the U.S. Census Bureau

Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program: Newport (*Newport County*)



Newport

The Newport project encompasses the construction and deployment of 83 miles of fiber optic network to reach 4,621 unserved and underserved broadband serviceable locations (BSLs). This build will deploy a Gigabit Passive Optical Network (GPON) architecture, supported by a redundant backbone ring design, underground and aerial construction methods.

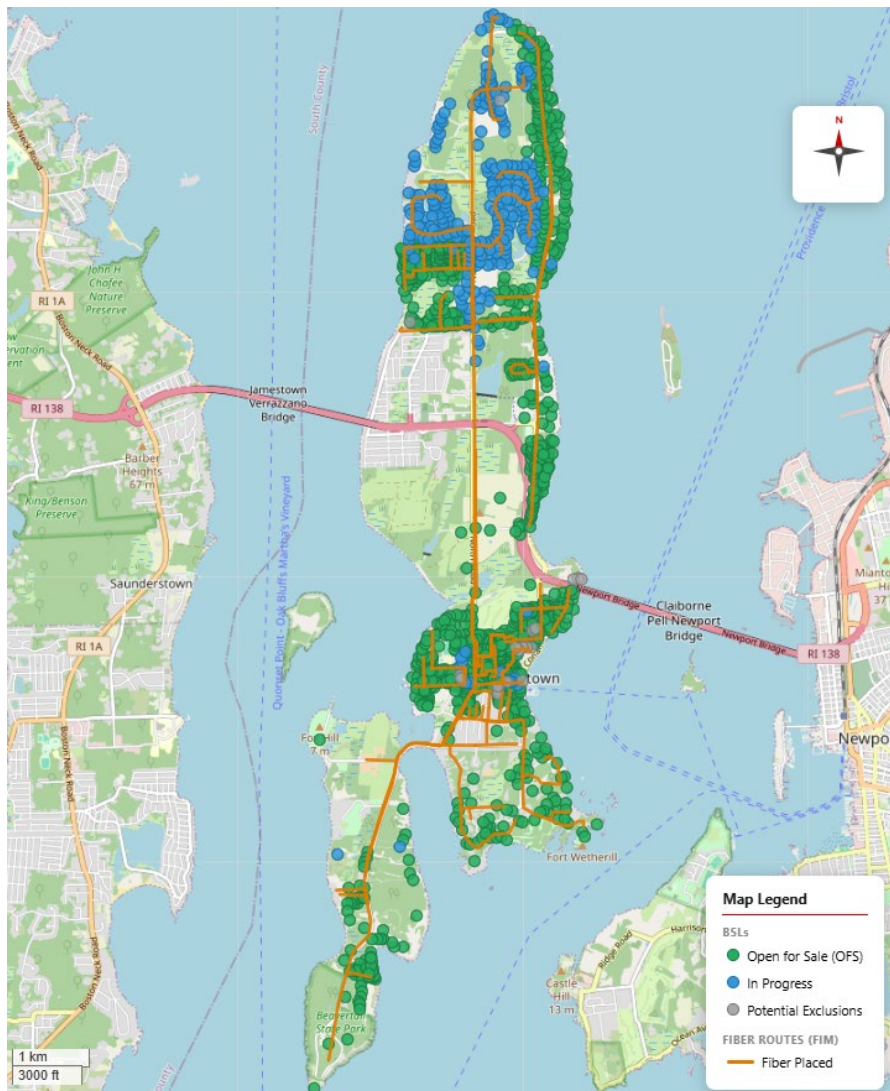
The Newport project has completed most of the simple make-ready work (estimated at 35%-40% of the overall budget), which includes construction of 6.8 miles of fiber, 9.6 miles of strand, and 0.7 miles of underground conduit. It is anticipated that over 675 BSLs will be released in July 2026, with nearly 3,000 BSLs Open for Sale (OFS) by the end of next quarter; consistent releases are anticipated over the remainder of the project timeline.

Vendor: **GoNetspeed**
Total Project Cost: **\$13,297,217**

CPF Funds: **\$9,308,052**
Match: **\$3,989,165**

Progress as of 6/30/2026:
BSLs Open for Sale ("OFS"): **0**
Miles Constructed: **0**

Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program: Jamestown (Newport County)



Due to construction status, the routes for the PA-1 – PA-7 and Westerly maps contain proprietary information at this time. Updated maps will be provided at construction completion.

Jamestown

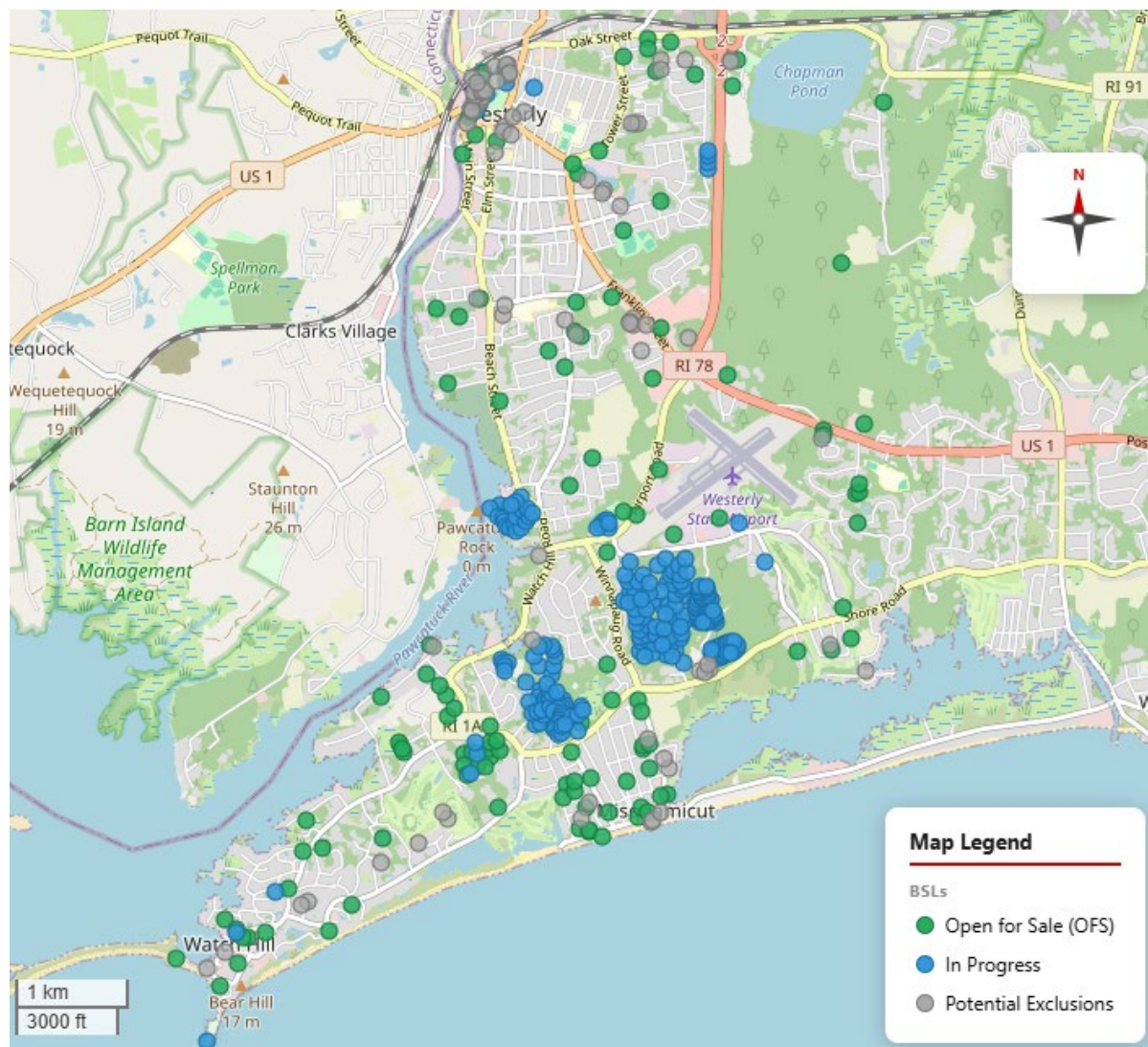
This project was anticipated to build out 44 new fiber miles to reach 1,626 underserved locations. As of 6/30/2026, this build has exceeded the initial anticipated mileage. The build will include the deployment of a Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) network, including upgraded central office equipment, fiber optic cabling, and optical hubs/splitters.

This project has advanced Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) deployment to 1,514 of the 1,626 planned locations (93%), with anticipated completion in July 2026.

Vendor: Verizon
Total Project Cost: \$4,349,914
CPF Funds: \$2,071,245
Match: \$2,278,669

Progress to Date:
BSLs Open For Service: 1,514 (93% of total BSLs)
Miles Constructed: 47.44

Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program: Westerly (Washington County)



Due to construction status, the routes for the PA-1 – PA-7 and Westerly maps contain proprietary information at this time. Updated maps will be provided at construction completion.

Westerly

This project consists of building out 10 new fiber miles to reach 429 underserved locations. The build will include the deployment of a Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) network, including upgraded central office equipment, fiber optic cabling, and optical hubs/splitters.

This project has advanced Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) deployment to 136 of the 429 planned locations (31.7%), with consistent releases anticipated over the remainder of the project timeline.

Vendor: **Verizon**

Total Project Cost: **\$2,471,690**

CPF Funds: **\$1,564,635**

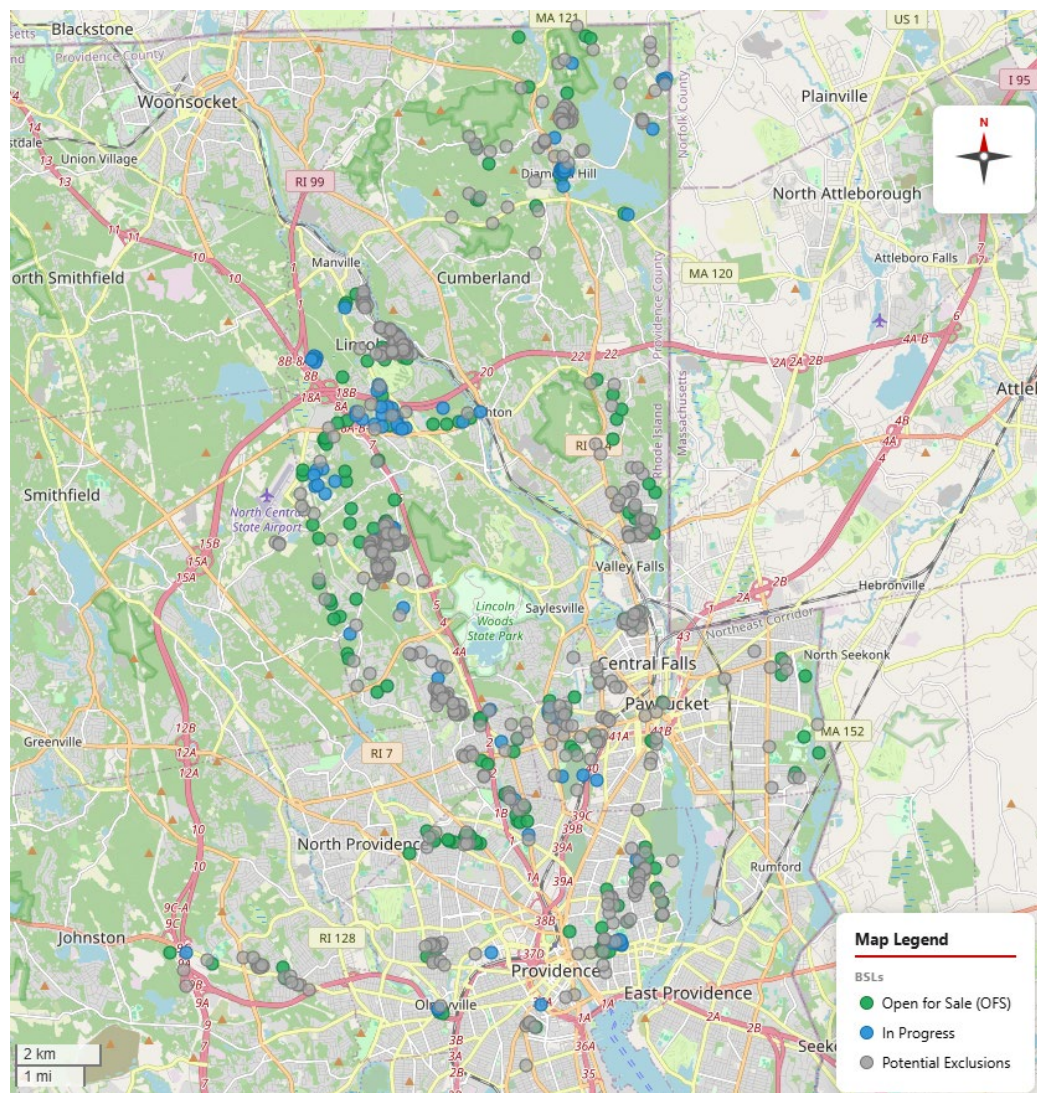
Match: **\$907,055**

Progress to Date:

BSLs Open For Service: **136 (31.7% of total BSLs)**

Miles Constructed: **0.65**

Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program: Project Area-1 (*Providence County*)



Due to construction status, the routes for the PA-1 – PA-7 and Westerly maps contain proprietary information at this time. Updated maps will be provided at construction completion.

**Central Falls, Cumberland, Johnston, Lincoln,
North Providence, Pawtucket, Providence,
Smithfield**

This project consists of building out 45 new fiber miles to reach 758 underserved locations. The build will include the deployment of a Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) network, including upgraded central office equipment, fiber optic cabling, and optical hubs/splitters. This project has advanced Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) deployment to 151 of the 758 planned locations (19.9%), with consistent releases anticipated over the remainder of the project timeline.

Vendor: **Verizon**

Total Project Cost: \$4,104,875

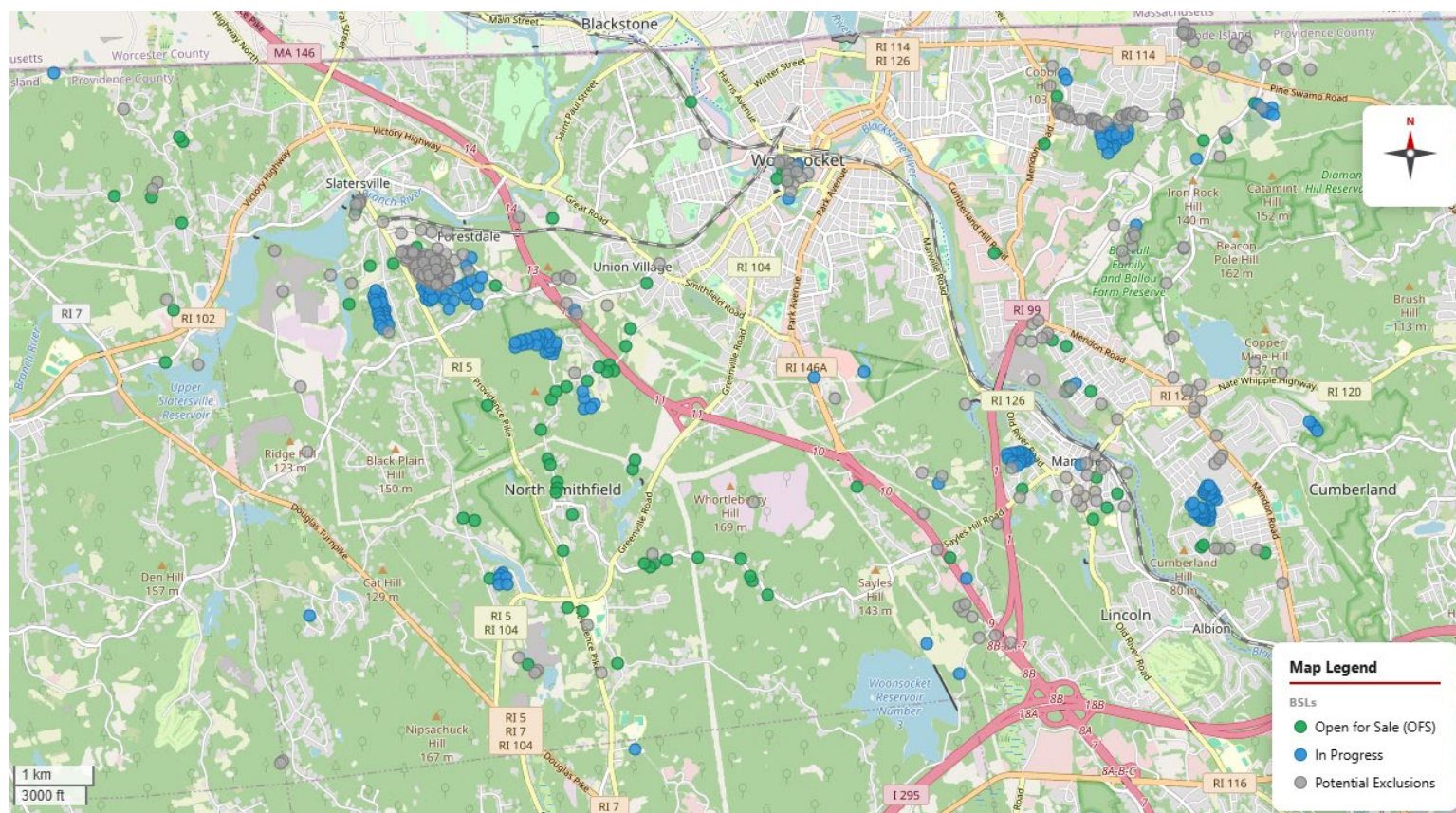
CPF Funds: \$ 1,560,759

Match: \$ 2,544,116

Progress to Date:

BSLs Open For Service: **151 (19.9% of total BSLs)**Miles Constructed: **1.49**

Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program: Project Area-2 (*Providence County*)



Due to construction status, the routes for the PA-1 – PA-7 and Westerly maps contain proprietary information at this time. Updated maps will be provided at construction completion.

Cumberland, Lincoln, North Smithfield,
Woonsocket

This project consists of building out 26 new fiber miles to reach 523 underserved locations. The build will include the deployment of a Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) network, including upgraded central office equipment, fiber optic cabling, and optical hubs/splitters.

This project has advanced Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) deployment to 80 of the 523 planned locations (15.3%), with consistent releases anticipated over the remainder of the project timeline.

Vendor: **Verizon**

Total Project Cost: \$3,053,124

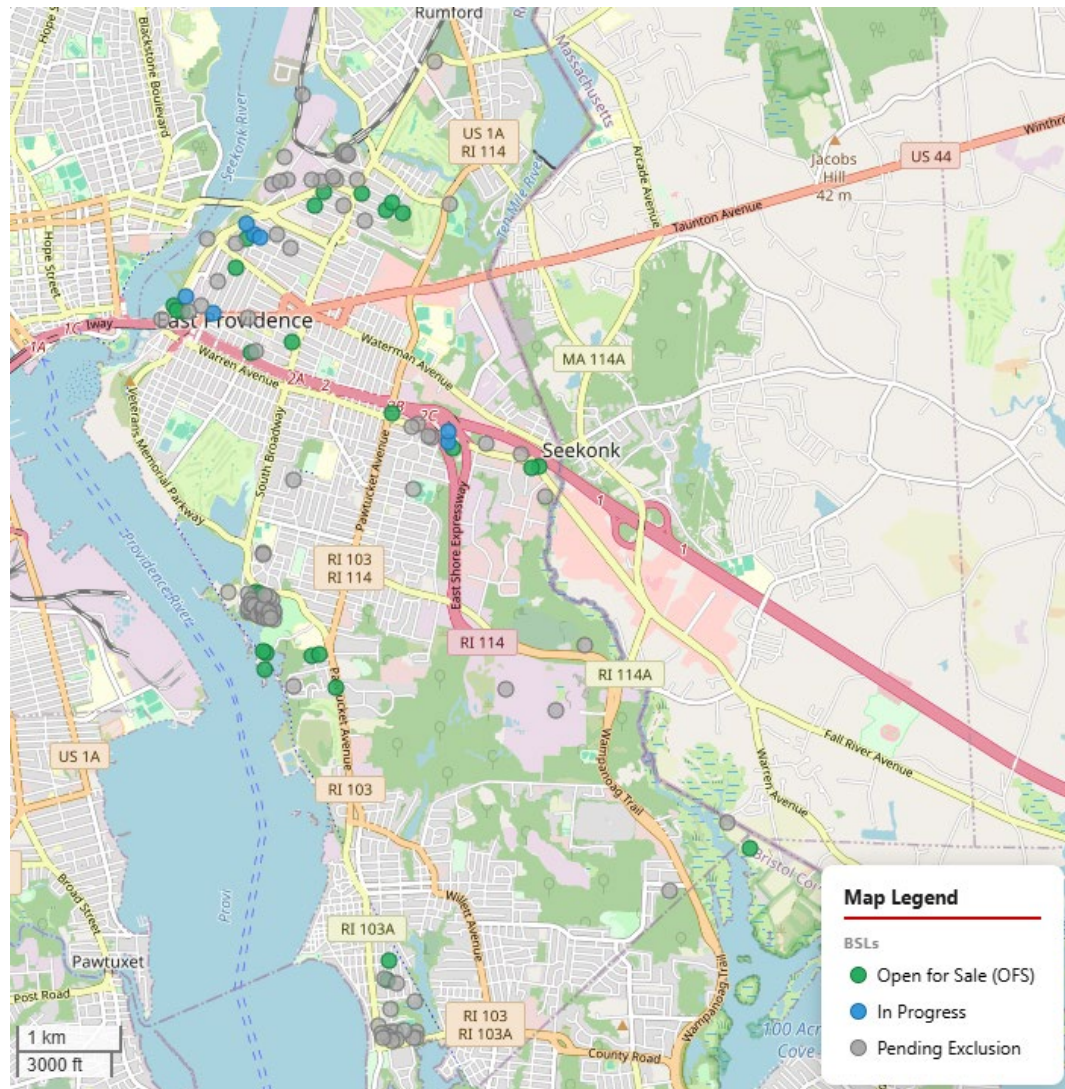
CPF Funds: **\$1,150,928**

Match: **\$1,902,196**

Progress to Date:

BSLs Open For Service: **80 (15.3% of total BSLs)**Miles Constructed: **1.67**

Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program: Project Area-3 (Providence County)



Due to construction status, the routes for the PA-1 – PA-7 and Westerly maps contain proprietary information at this time. Updated maps will be provided at construction completion.

East Providence

This project consists of building out 6.5 new fiber optic miles to reach 130 underserved locations. The build will include the deployment of a Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) network, including upgraded central office equipment, fiber optic cabling, and optical hubs/splitters.

This project has advanced Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) deployment to 28 of the 130 planned locations (21.5%), with consistent releases anticipated over the remainder of the project timeline.

Vendor: **Verizon**

Total Project Cost: **\$1,184,592**

CPF Funds: **\$474,282**

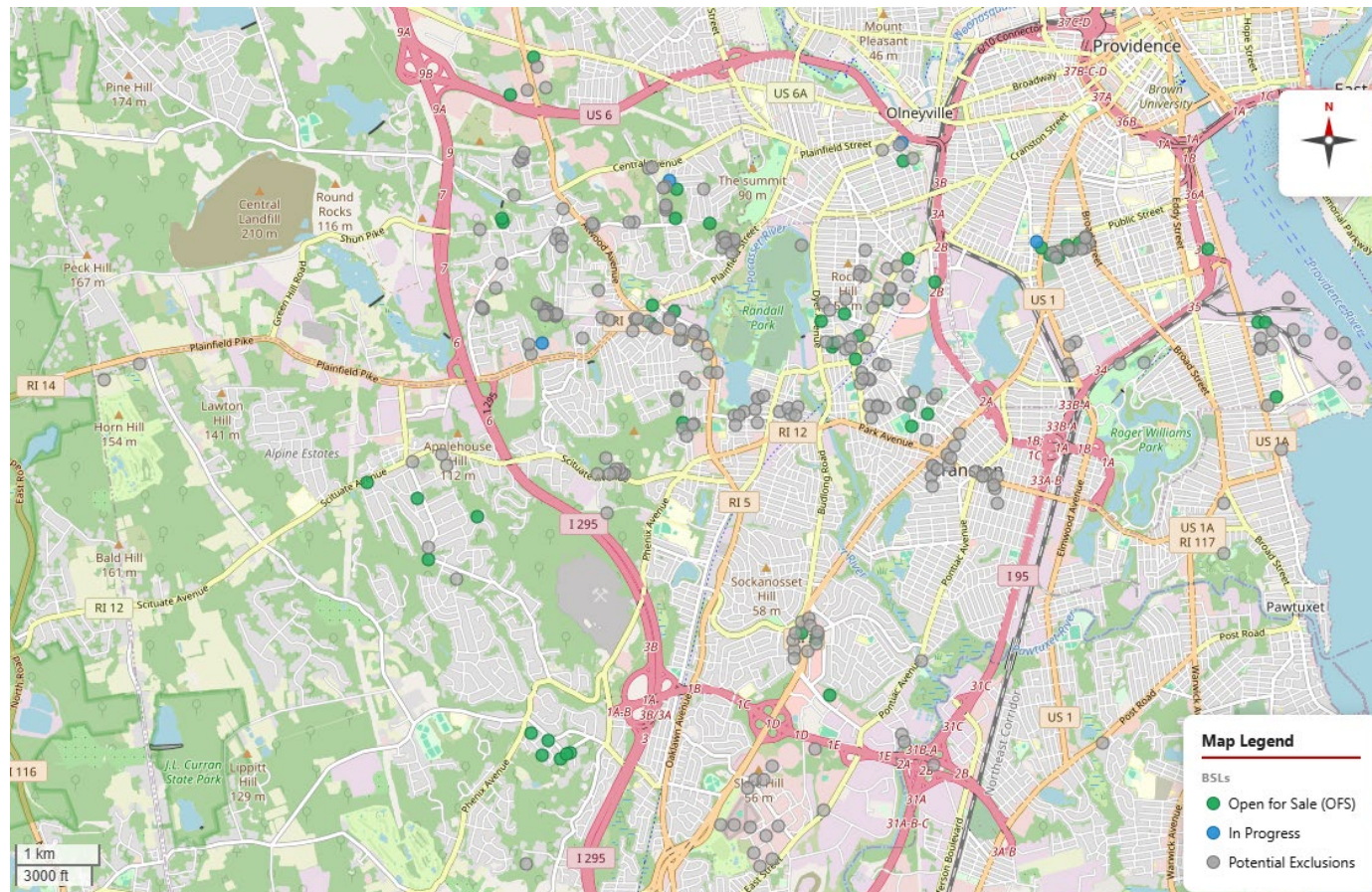
Match: **\$710,310**

Progress to Date:

BSLs Open For Service: **28 (21.5% of total BSLs)**

Miles Constructed: **0**

Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program: Project Area-4 (Providence County, Kent County)



Due to construction status, the routes for the PA-1 – PA-7 and Westerly maps contain proprietary information at this time. Updated maps will be provided at construction completion.

Cranston, Johnston, Providence, Warwick

This project consists of building out 27 new fiber miles to reach 299 underserved locations. The build will include the deployment of a Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) network, including upgraded central office equipment, fiber optic cabling, and optical hubs/splitters.

This project has advanced Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) deployment to 48 of the 299 planned locations (16% complete), with consistent releases anticipated over the remainder of the project timeline

Vendor: **Verizon**

Total Project Cost: **\$2,495,633**

CPF Funds: **\$935,498**

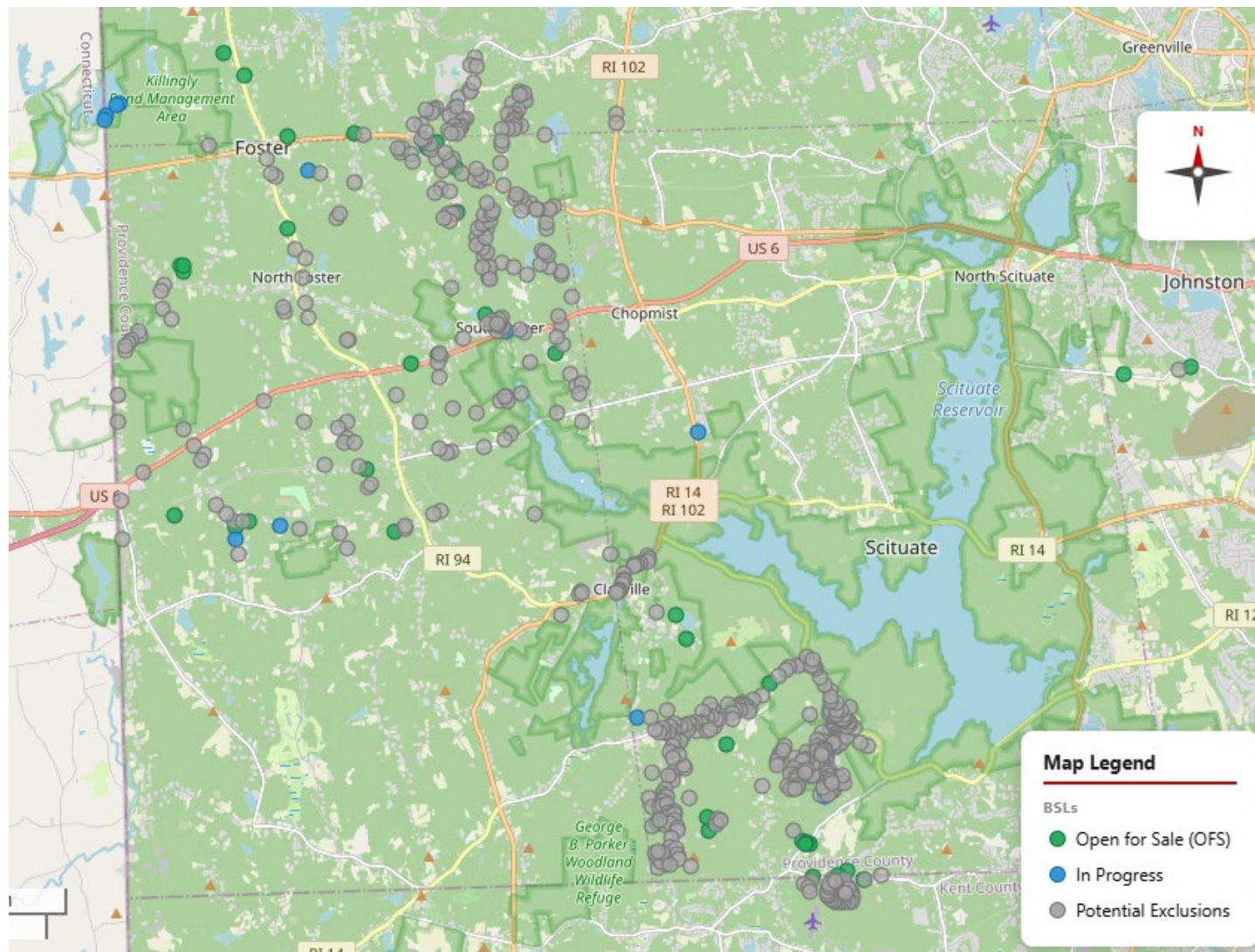
Match: **\$1,560,135**

Progress to Date:

BSLs Open For Service: **48 (16% of total BSLs)**

Miles Constructed: **0**

Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program: Project Area-5 (Providence County, Kent County)



Due to construction status, the routes for the PA-1 – PA-7 and Westerly maps contain proprietary information at this time. Updated maps will be provided at construction completion.

Coventry, Foster, Glocester, Scituate

This project consists of building out 32 new fiber miles to reach 613 underserved locations. The build will include the deployment of a Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) network, including upgraded central office equipment, fiber optic cabling, and optical hubs/splitters.

This project has advanced Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) deployment to 44 of the 613 planned locations (7.2%), with consistent releases over the remainder of the project timeline.

Vendor: **Verizon**

Total Project Cost: **\$1,778,305**

CPF Funds: **\$635,659**

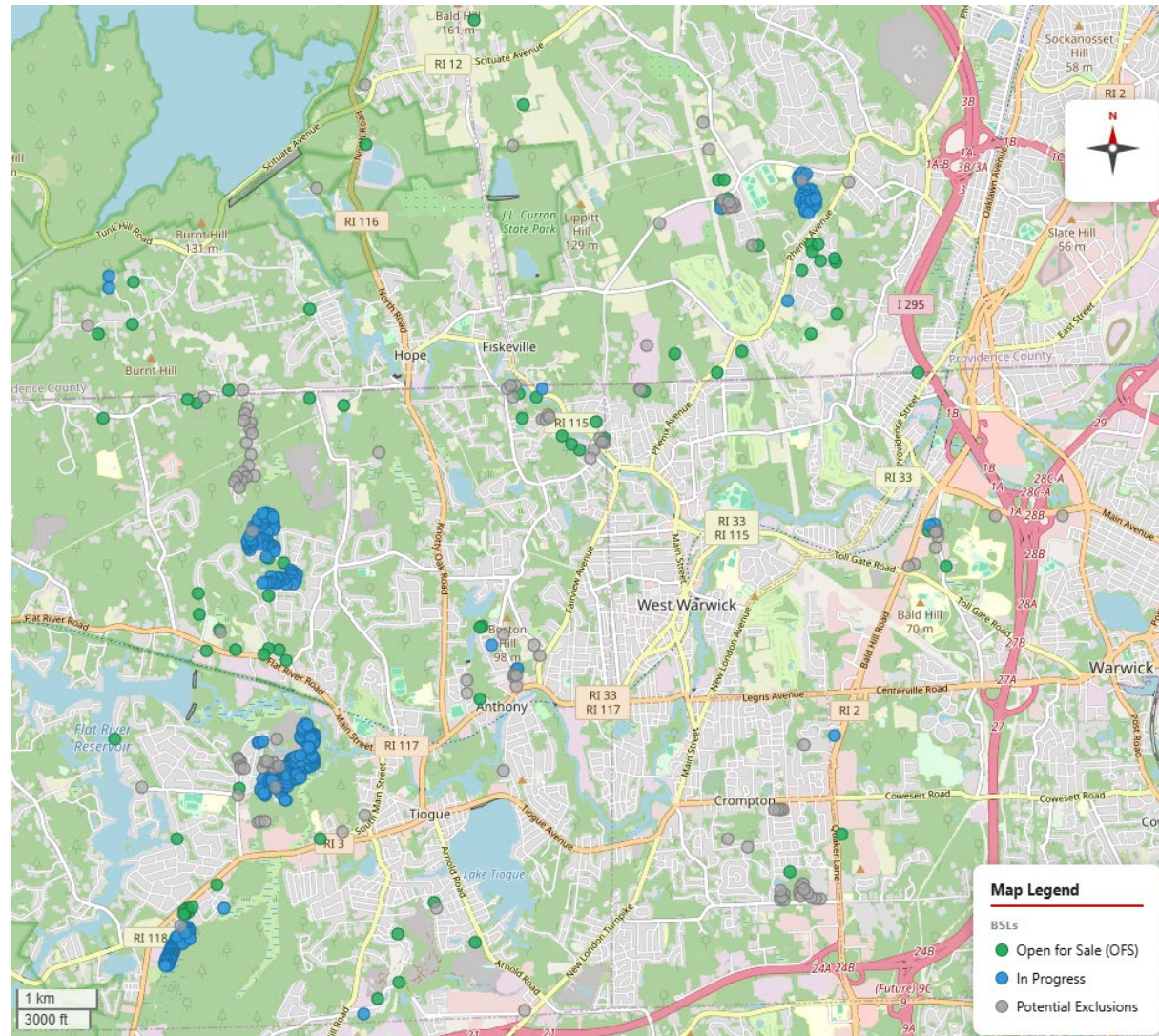
Match: **\$1,142,646**

Progress to Date:

BSLs Open For Service: **44 (7.2% of total BSLs)**

Miles Constructed: **0**

Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program: Project Area-6 (Providence County, Kent County)



Due to construction status, the routes for the PA-1 – PA-7 and Westerly maps contain proprietary information at this time. Updated maps will be provided at construction completion.

Coventry, Cranston, Scituate, Warwick

This project consists of building out 18 new fiber miles to reach 560 underserved locations. The build will include the deployment of a Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) network, including upgraded central office equipment, fiber optic cabling, and optical hubs/splitters.

This project has advanced Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) deployment to 77 of the 560 planned locations (13.6%), with consistent releases anticipated over the remainder of the project timeline.

Vendor: **Verizon**

Total Project Cost: **\$1,908,974**

CPF Funds: **\$727,579**

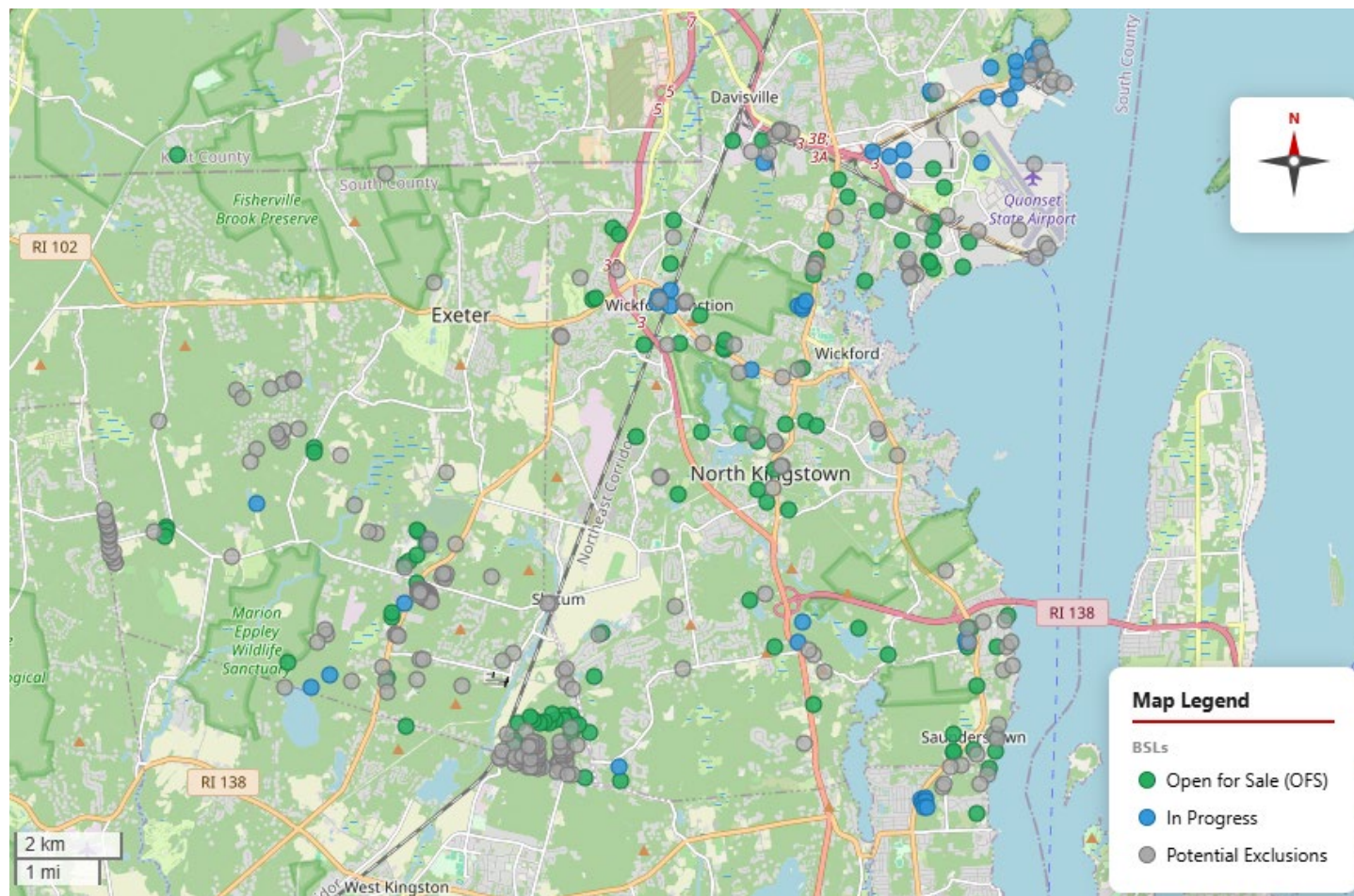
Match: **\$1,181,395**

Progress to Date:

BSLs Open For Service: **77 (13.6% of total BSLs)**

Miles Constructed: **0.6**

Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program: Project Area-7 (Washington County, Kent County)



Due to construction status, the routes for the PA-1 – PA-7 and Westerly maps contain proprietary information at this time. Updated maps will be provided at construction completion.

Exeter, Narragansett, North Kingstown, West Greenwich

This project consists of building out 32 new fiber miles to reach 421 underserved locations. The build will include the deployment of a Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) network, including upgraded central office equipment, fiber optic cabling, and optical hubs/splitters.

This project has advanced Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) deployment to 103 of the 421 planned locations (24.5%), with consistent releases anticipated over the remainder of the project timeline.

Vendor: **Verizon**

Total Project Cost: **\$2,247,375**

CPF Funds: **\$821,947**

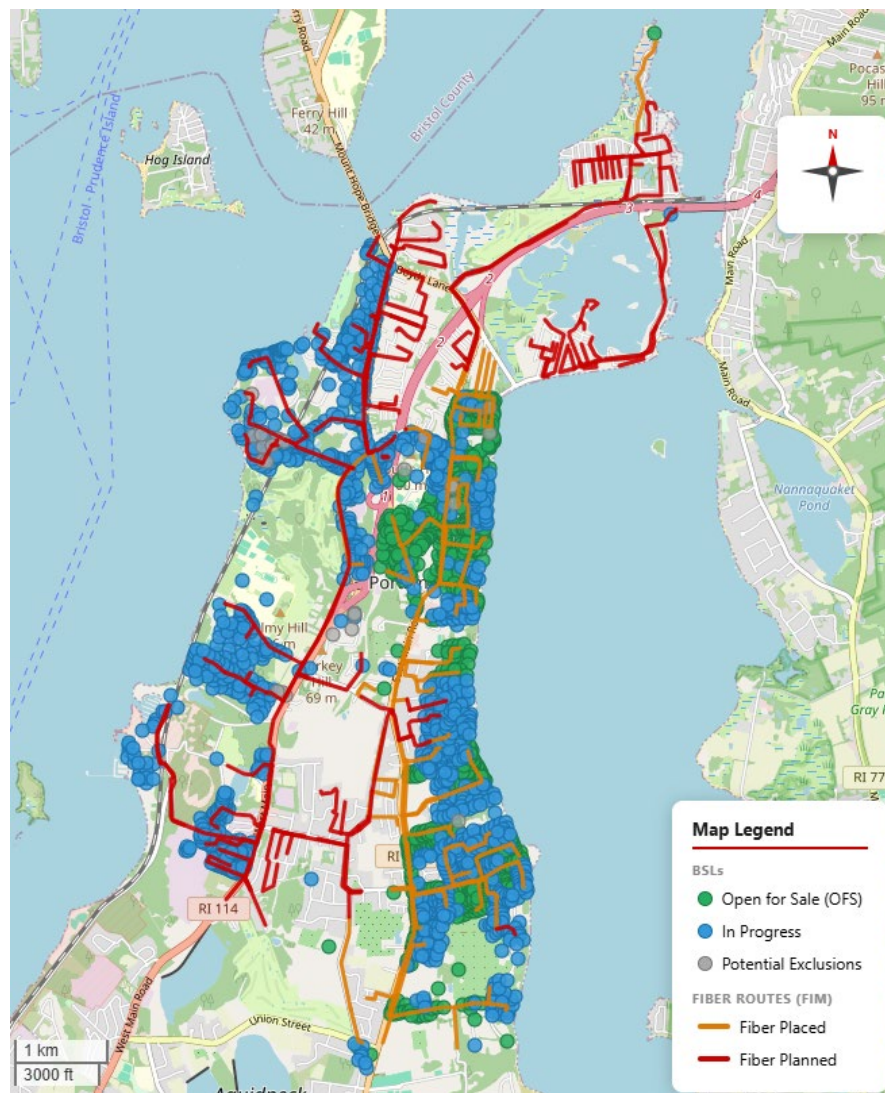
Match: **\$1,425,428**

Progress to Date:

BSLs Open For Service: **103 (24.5% of total BSLs)**

Miles Constructed: **0.4**

Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program: Project Area-A (Newport County)



Due to construction status, the routes for the PA-1 – PA-7 and Westerly maps contain proprietary information at this time.
Updated maps will be provided at construction completion.

Portsmouth

This project consists of building out 55 new fiber miles to reach 2,198 underserved locations. The build will include the deployment of a Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) network, including upgraded central office equipment, fiber optic cabling, and optical hubs/splitters.

This project has advanced Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) deployment to 857 of the 2,198 planned locations (39%), with consistent releases anticipated over the remainder of the project timeline.

Vendor: **Verizon**

Total Project Cost: **\$4,718,096**

CPF Funds: **\$1,651,334**

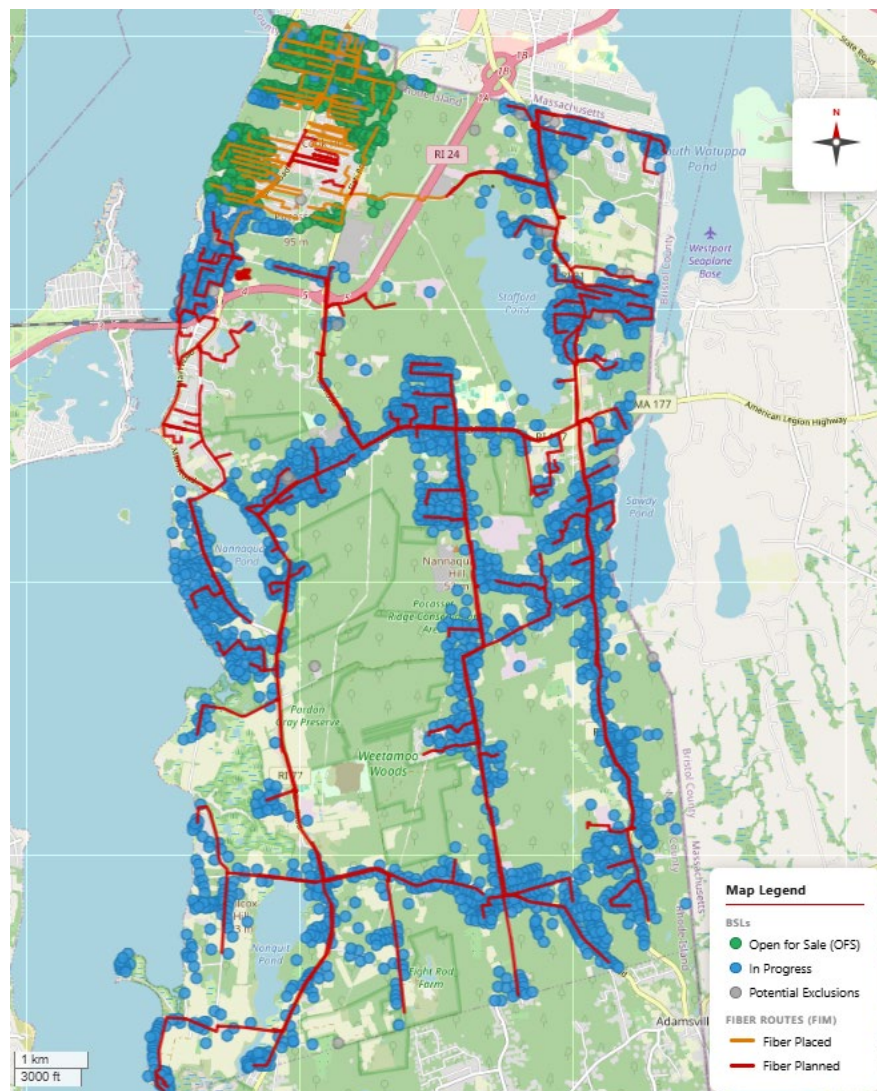
Match: **\$3,066,762**

Progress to Date:

BSLs Open For Service: **857 (39% of total BSLs)**

Miles Constructed: **45.55**

Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program: Project Area-F (Newport County)



Tiverton

This project consists of building out 120 new fiber miles to reach 4,283 underserved locations. The build will include the deployment of a Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) network, including upgraded central office equipment, fiber optic cabling, and optical hubs/splitters.

This project has advanced Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) deployment to 1,168 of the 4,283 planned locations (27%), with consistent releases anticipated over the remainder of the project timeline.

Vendor: **Verizon**

Total Project Cost: **\$10,017,669**

CPF Funds: **\$3,054,582**

Match: **\$6,963,087**

Progress to Date:

BSLs Open For Service: **1,168 (27% of total BSLs)**

Miles Constructed: **49.27**

Addressing Critical Needs

Treasury encourages uses of CPF funds that promote growth in communities with a critical need, such as high-poverty and rural areas. Consistent with this goal, the CPF Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program will adhere to the following principles:

- Rhode Island Commerce will promote and engage with communities lacking broadband access with a focus on households with incomes at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty line.
- To address affordability as a barrier to broadband adoption, Rhode Island Commerce will make every effort to ensure that broadband service options offered by program vendors are affordable to their target markets in the proposed service area based on median household income.

All qualifying proposals during each round of the CPF Requests For Proposal were required to commit that the non-promotional price of the lowest cost broadband service plan that delivers at least 100/100 Mbps (inclusive of all taxes, fees, and charges) must not exceed \$53.09 per month, which is 2 percent of the lower limit of the second quintile of monthly Rhode Island Household Income, as reported by the Census Bureau.

GoNetspeed will offer a \$39.99/month option; Verizon committed to a \$49.99 /month plan. Both vendors have committed to providing these rates for a period of five years from the date the projects reach substantial completion, subject to annual inflation adjustments in line with the annual Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Price Index for services excluding energy and housing, as published by U.S. Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Verizon and GoNetspeed are in the construction stages of their broadband infrastructure projects, which includes on-going community engagement to promote awareness and adoption of broadband access. The vendors are responsible for demonstrating project completion, including achievement of speeds and access to the community. In partnership with its vendors, Rhode Island Commerce's broadband team is monitoring, measuring, and overseeing the impact of each project.

Labor

Consistent with Treasury's goals, the CPF Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program vendors have committed to consistent labor standards that align with CPF labor guidance and federal requirements. Each contractor is committed to paying prevailing wages, ensuring fair compensation for the workers involved in construction and deployment of the broadband infrastructure. Their workforce practices include the use of skilled labor, compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety training standards, and enforcement of worker protections in accordance with applicable labor laws.

The executed contracts with Verizon and GoNetspeed include explicit language requiring adherence to strong labor practices. This focus on quality labor helps prevent delays, reduces rework, and minimizes safety incidents, all of which contribute to a more efficient and successful infrastructure deployment. Verizon and GoNetspeed are also dedicated to promoting fair compensation and ensuring that workers receive competitive wages and benefits, which improves worker retention and morale, while also helping to stabilize the workforce and maintain high standards of craftsmanship. As part of their commitment to economic recovery, Verizon and GoNetspeed are utilizing local work forces and prioritizing local hiring wherever possible.

PRO requires all grantees to submit their contract documentation that demonstrates compliance with the requirement for strong labor standards to promote effective and efficient delivery of quality infrastructure projects while also supporting the economic recovery through employment opportunities for workers.

Community Engagement

In 2023, Rhode Island set the following principles for thoughtful stakeholder and community engagement:

- Meet communities where they are,
- Enable participatory planning, and
- Cultivate strong implementation partnerships.

Since this time, Rhode Island Commerce's broadband team has engaged in on-going community engagement and stakeholder outreach – prioritizing engagement with unserved and underserved residents – to understand the broadband infrastructure and digital literacy equity needs in the state.

Highlights of these efforts over the past year, included:

- Hosting quarterly meetings of the state's Broadband Advisory Council.
- Organizing and leading a Connecting Communities Committee, which has over 30 members; meetings are held monthly.
- Creating and disseminating a bi-annual ConnectRI newsletter to share Rhode Island Commerce's broadband activities and opportunities to get involved.
- Supporting Verizon and GoNetspeed's community collaboration efforts and goals.

- Updating and maintaining the Rhode Island Broadband Map that identified unserved and underserved locations in the state, available in both English and Spanish. This map also reflects CPF funded project areas; the map will be updated as CPF project areas are completed.

Rhode Island is committed to ensuring full community input to support improved statewide broadband connectivity for the duration of the CPF Program and beyond.

PRO shares information about the program and projects through its website which is updated every quarter. The CPF and Community Learning Center webpages on the PRO website can be accessed at:

www.pandemicrecovery.ri.gov/Broadband

GoNetspeed:

As a new entrant to the Rhode Island broadband service market, GoNetspeed has prioritized early and visible engagement with local stakeholders to build awareness and momentum around the initiative. Most notably, GoNetspeed joined the Newport Chamber of Commerce, attending meetings and local events. In addition, GoNetspeed has sent information related to their future broadband services to the households that will be eligible for services.

GoNetspeed anticipates continuing and enhancing its community engagement activities for the remainder of the year, including partnering with the Newport Public Library to host a series of digital literacy workshops to assist residents understand how to access and manage streaming services.



GoNetspeed team members at the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce 2026 Expo

Community Engagement

Verizon:

Verizon’s community engagement efforts have advanced in alignment with construction activities. As BSLs have become service-ready, Verizon has deployed targeted outreach to those households, providing residents with direct information about available broadband services and the Verizon Forward affordability program.

The Verizon Responsible Business team has conducted five (5) digital inclusion workshops at the Providence Public Library, offering residents hands-on instruction in device usage and online tools — with no sales component. Verizon also initiated a partnership with the Economic Progress Institute (“EPI”), a statewide nonpartisan research and policy organization. Verizon will provide resources for inclusion in EPI’s Guide to Assistance and Public Benefits, extending awareness of income-eligible broadband services to low-income households.

In the coming year, Verizon will continue its targeted outreach efforts – including direct mail and email campaigns in the appropriate service areas and will also seek to identify additional opportunities that will support broadband access and adoption.



Project Kickoff in Newport, RI (2025) Governor Dan McKee, then Secretary of Commerce, Liz Tanner, and the RI Broadband Team join Verizon and GoNetspeed at the CPF Kick-Off Event at the Newport Public Library.

To ensure that state residents are aware of the CPF planned broadband deployment and its positive impact, on May 23, 2025, Governor Dan McKee and Secretary of Commerce Liz Tanner marked the start of the CPF Broadband Infrastructure Projects with a public awareness event at the Newport Public Library in Newport, RI.

During this celebration, Verizon’s and GoNetspeed’s commitments to addressing the state’s much-needed connectivity upgrades were highlighted.



COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

Executive Summary

Rhode Island’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Multipurpose Community Facilities Projects grant program is called the Community Learning Center (CLC) Municipal Grant Program. This grant program is being implemented by the State’s Pandemic Recovery Office (PRO), an office within the Department of Administration and serves as the central office for policy coordination and compliance with ARPA programs.

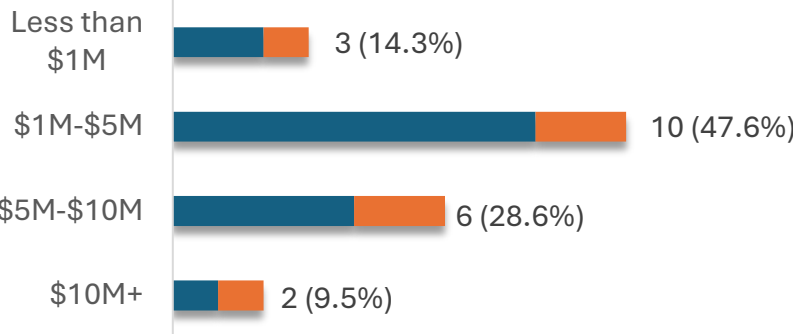
Governor Daniel J. McKee has placed improving educational outcomes, raising incomes, and building a healthier state for all Rhode Islanders, among his top goals. To support these goals, the Administration launched the Learn365RI Initiative, to which all applicants to the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program were required to sign to be eligible for the program. PRO initiated an application process in August 2023 that required eligible municipalities to commit to offering a minimum of five years’ worth of programming designed to directly and jointly enable education, work, and health monitoring. PRO awarded \$81.7 million of its CPF allocation for this program. Eighteen municipalities received grant awards to support 21 CLC projects. Fifteen of these capital projects are renovations of existing structures, including five libraries, and six are new construction projects. Eight projects have completed and the rest are on schedule to do the same by October 31, 2026.

In February 2026, PRO received U.S. Treasury approval to increase the CLC program budget to \$82.2 million and to create a second round of grants that invests \$1.0 million in community libraries in eligible municipalities that did not receive the initial CPF CLC funding. Projects funded under this second round are called the Community Library Municipal Grant (CLMG) projects. Seventeen libraries in 12 municipalities have been awarded \$973K in CLMG grants in June 2026 for small renovation projects.

All CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program and CLMG projects are targeting substantial completion by October 31, 2026. This provides each municipality a full two months to operationalize Treasury-compliant programs that directly and jointly enable work, education, and health monitoring by December 31, 2026.

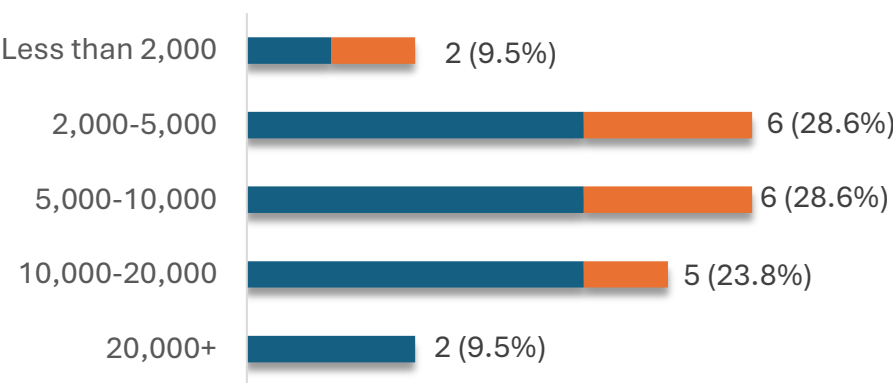
To supplement the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program funding, the McKee Administration has included funding in the state budget via its ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund to support programming needs at the community learning centers. This ensures that the community learning centers have funding support to develop comprehensive and robust programming that meets Treasury’s requirements.

CLC projects by Total Project Cost



New Construction
Renovations

CLC projects by Project Square Footage



Summary of CPF Community Learning Center Projects

Data as of 6/30/2026

Municipality	Project	Square Footage	Total Project Cost	CPF Award
Barrington	Bay Spring Community Learning Center	2,367	\$1,686,732	\$1,686,732
Bristol	Rogers Free Library Facility Improvements	25,000	\$2,075,900	\$1,971,967
Central Falls	El Centro	19,500	\$13,064,698	\$8,985,198
Charlestown	Cross Mills Public Library	2,450	\$673,368	\$673,368
Coventry	Coventry Community Learning Center	38,500	\$5,535,006	\$4,959,565
Cumberland	Amaral Building And Heritage Park	9,302	\$4,118,159	\$3,118,159
East Greenwich	Swift Community Center †	2,051	\$1,596,800	\$1,596,800
East Providence	East Providence Community Center †	9,803	\$10,493,659	\$10,493,659
Glocester	Harmony Library †	1,080	\$768,988	\$768,988
Glocester	Manton Library	1,320	\$261,259	\$261,259
Hopkinton	Hopkinton Regional Community Center	2,750	\$2,666,514	\$2,666,514
Lincoln	Lincoln Learning Center †	2,600	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Newport	Florence Gray Center	15,700	\$7,527,554	\$7,527,554
North Providence	North Providence Community Center	8,893	\$3,160,894	\$2,860,894
Providence	Davey Lopes Recreation Center	9,000	\$7,583,842	\$7,583,842
Providence	Elmwood Community Center	14,000	\$2,701,158	\$2,701,158
Providence	Joslin Recreation Center	12,830	\$5,915,000	\$5,915,000
Smithfield	East Smithfield Neighborhood Center	6,435	\$2,952,479	\$2,592,961
South Kingstown	Peace Dale Library	3,867	\$3,593,891	\$2,893,891
Westerly	Tower Street Community Center †	8,000	\$7,031,200	\$3,819,120
Woonsocket	Community Learning Center At Cass Park †	14,000	\$7,143,500	\$7,143,500
TOTAL		209,448 sf	\$92,550,601	\$82,220,129

† Indicates project is new construction. All other projects are renovations of existing capital assets.

Summary of CPF Community Library Municipal Grant Projects

Data as of 6/30/2026

Municipality	Project	Total Project Cost	CPF Award
Burrillville	Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library	\$493,000	\$39,670
Cranston	Cranston Public Library - Auburn	\$21,704	\$21,704
Cranston	Cranston Public Library - Central	\$147,853	\$147,853
Cranston	Cranston Public Library - Knightsville	\$12,438	\$12,438
Cranston	Cranston Public Library - Oaklawn	\$10,000	\$10,000
Cranston	Cranston Public Library - William Hall	\$18,010	\$18,010
Exeter	Exeter Public Library	\$26,965	\$26,965
Little Compton	Brownell Library	\$25,000	\$25,000
Narragansett	Maury Loontjens Memorial Library	\$25,000	\$25,000
New Shoreham	Island Free Library	\$150,000	\$25,475
North Kingstown	North Kingstown Free Library	\$59,502	\$51,644
Pawtucket	Pawtucket Public Library	\$1,295,978	\$242,226
Tiverton	Tiverton Public Library	\$35,863	\$35,863
Warwick	Warwick Public Library - Central	\$111,489	\$111,489
Warwick	Warwick Public Library - Conimicut	\$69,868	\$69,868
West Greenwich	Louttit Library	\$26,834	\$26,834
West Warwick	West Warwick Public Library	\$83,136	\$83,136
TOTAL		\$2,612,640	\$973,175

Square footage of CLMG projects is not displayed since these are very small renovation, upgrade, or enhancement capital projects

Uses of Funds

PRO developed a funding formula, approved by U.S. Treasury, based on municipal population and state and municipal per capita income that distributes the \$83.2 million allocated to the Community Learning Center Municipal Grant Program objectively among municipalities receiving the CLC and CLMG grants.

At the beginning of the round one application process PRO shared the formula-based allocation with all 39 municipalities in Rhode Island. As the program progressed, there were municipalities who either opted out of the program, were unable to complete a compliant application in time, or whose projects were judged as noncompliant with U.S. Treasury's guidance when reviewed by PRO. In such cases, the allocations of CPF funds for those municipalities that could no longer participate in the Community Learning Center Municipal Grant Program, were reallocated across all other qualifying municipalities based on the Treasury approved formula. As the projects progressed, if any of the subrecipients were unable to move forward with their approved project, their allocation was redistributed among the remaining participating municipalities that continue with their CPF community learning center projects. As projects complete construction, any underspend is also reallocated to ongoing projects

with funding needs. PRO is using the same formula and distribution methodology for the CLMG grant program.

PRO used the State's grant management system – EUNA, to implement an application process that has resulted in subawards for 21 CLC projects in 18 municipalities as of June 30, 2025, and 17 CLMG projects in 12 municipalities as of June 30, 2026. The application process was structured so PRO could review and determine eligibility and feasibility of the capital projects proposed prior to moving on to subaward. All applicants who completed the application successfully were approved for subaward agreements..

The CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program funds may be used to purchase, construct, or renovate a community learning center. The CLMG funds are limited to minor renovations, upgrades, and enhancements since there isn't enough time to undertake new construction or major renovation projects in the remaining time within the period of performance. PRO is adhering to U.S. Treasury's guidance on allowable costs to determine expenses that may be paid for using CPF monies. PRO reviews transaction logs from subrecipients monthly to ensure that CPF is covering eligible costs only. Additionally, with each funding

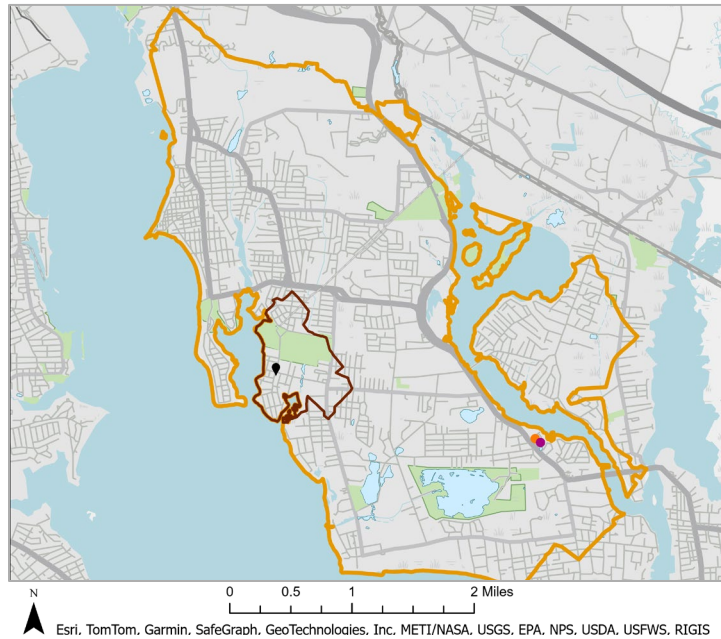
request, after the first, grantees are required to share invoices, checks, and other documentation to verify that CPF funds are only used for allowable capital costs.

The following pages present an overview of the CPF CLC and CLMG projects demonstrating how the program funds are being utilized.

Barrington, RI

Bay Spring Community Learning Center

Status: More than 50% Complete



The Town of Barrington is part of Bristol County in eastern Rhode Island and has a population of 17,153. The Bay Spring Community Learning Center is a renovation of the building located at 170 Narragansett Avenue.

The \$1,686,732 of funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supports the creation of meeting and office spaces for use by the public, equipped with computers, cameras, microphone and audiovisual technology, and a multipurpose room for community and cultural events.

The Town of Barrington plans to provide assistance with job interviews, online learning,



telehealth, and other community support at the CLC after the project achieves substantial completion.

Substantial completion of the renovation is currently targeted for July 2026.



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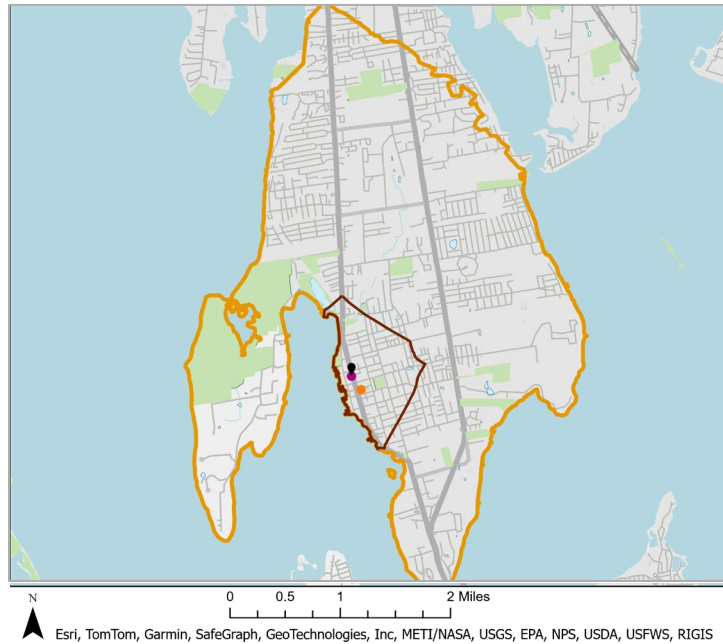
Top middle: Entrance with ADA accessible ramp

Top right: Renovated interior

Bristol, RI

Rogers Free Library Facility Improvements

Status: More than 50% Complete



The Town of Bristol is part of Bristol County in eastern Rhode Island and has a population of 22,493. The Rogers Free Library Community Facility Improvement project is a renovation of the Rogers Free Library, the town's municipally owned and operated library.

The \$1,971,967 in funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supports the creation of a maker space with creative and educational opportunities, private work/study spaces, telemedicine areas, and general improvements to library systems.



Major improvements to library systems include capital investments in HVAC and security systems, both of which are at the end of their useful lives and were costing the Town tens of thousands of dollars per year to maintain.

The Rogers Free Library plans to provide at the CLC options for work, education, and health monitoring, including tutoring, résumé assistance, and programming such as discussions on eldercare after the project achieves substantial completion.



Substantial completion of the renovations is currently targeted for July 2026.

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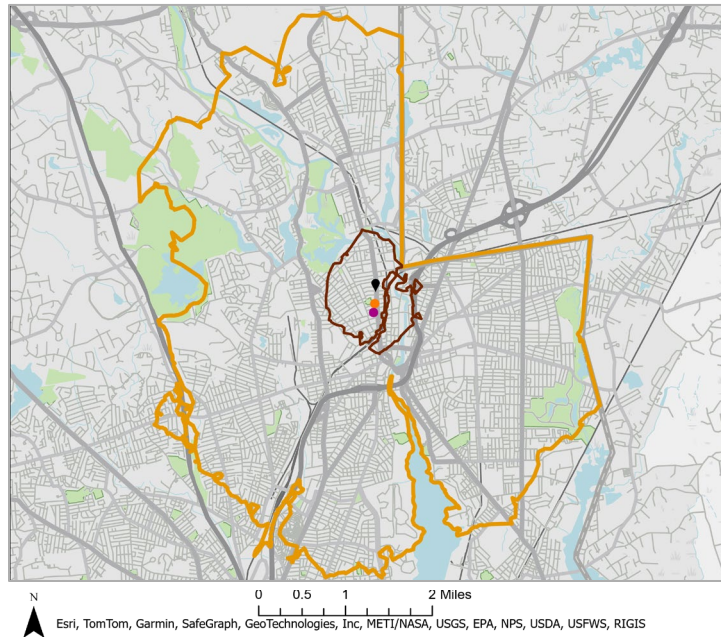
Top middle: Makerspace with robotic arm and 3D printer

Top right: Interior meeting space

Central Falls, RI

El Centro

Status: More than 50% Complete



The City of Central Falls is part of Providence County in northern Rhode Island with a population of 22,583. El Centro of Central Falls is a renovation of a 1900s historic building located at 702 Broad Street, Central Falls.

The \$8,985,198 of funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supports the creation of a 19,000 square foot community resource center that will accommodate office spaces, a shared market, conference room, assembly space for seniors and youth, and a gym.

Agencies and community partners such as The Elisha Project, Progreso Latino, Tides Family



Services, Family Service of Rhode Island, Parks & Recreation and others plan to provide wellness services, programming for seniors/youth, workforce development, after-school programming, educational programming, and mental health services at the CLC after the project achieves substantial completion.

Substantial completion of the renovations is currently targeted for September 2026.



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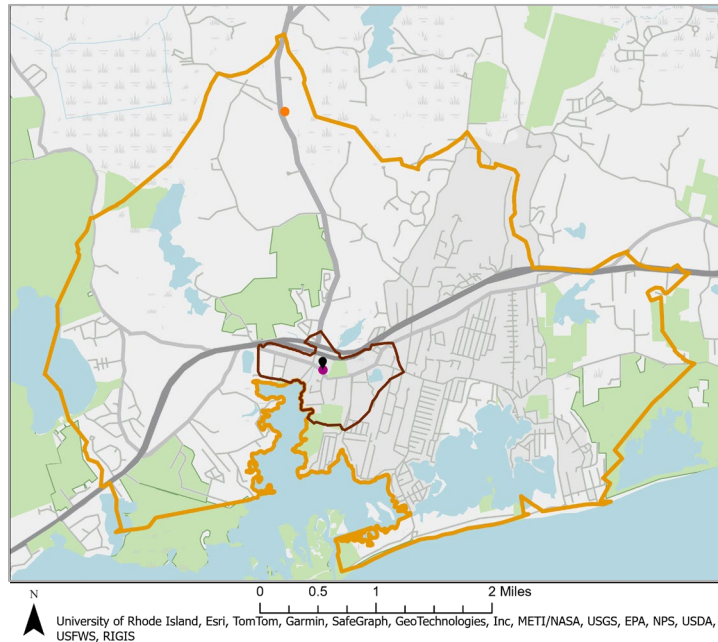
Top middle: Project rendering (exterior)

Top right: New elevator shaft under construction

Charlestown, RI

Cross Mills' Public Library Renovations

Status: More than 50% Complete



Charlestown is part of Washington County in southern Rhode Island and has a population of 7,997. The Cross Mills' Public Library Renovations is a renovation at the pre-existing Cross Mills' Public Library owned and operated by a private non-profit.

The \$673,368 of funding from the ARPA CPF CLC municipal grant supports the renovation of the Cross Mills' Public Library with a large meeting room, 2 individual work rooms and multiple ADA improvements.

Cross Mills' Public Library plans to provide K-12 afterschool programming and tutoring, literacy



programs, technology training, health monitoring workshops and training, private study space and telehealth access at the CLC after the project achieves substantial completion.

Substantial completion of the renovations is currently targeted for July 2026.



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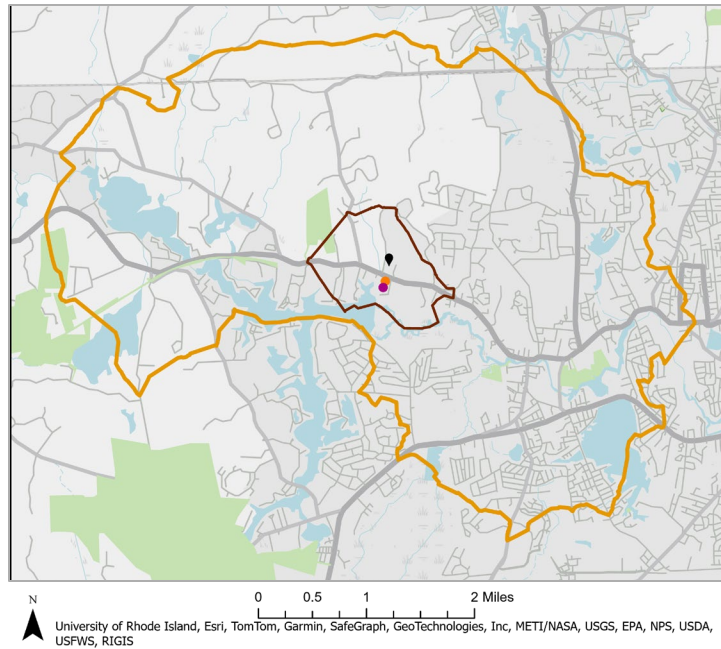
Top middle: Library exterior

Top right: Two quiet tele-access rooms

Coventry, RI

Coventry Community Learning Center

Status: Construction Complete



The Town of Coventry is part of Kent County in central Rhode Island and has a population of 35,000 residents. The town is renovating a portion of the existing Town Hall Annex building through the CPF Community Learning Centers Municipal Grant Program.

This 38,550 square foot project is the largest of the 21 CLC projects. Funded solely with the CLC Municipal Grant Program award of \$4,959,565, the project consists of the rehabilitation of 23 rooms that include: reception area, resource/waiting area, administration offices, programs spaces, career exploration, and supported employment space with mini-computer lab, multi-use training spaces, Community Action



Partner's space, computer resources, café, library, computer lab and resource/training areas. The renovation will create a Wellness Center that provides a consultation area, waiting room and consultation/examination rooms. The project will rehabilitate existing restrooms to be ADA compliant and construct new restrooms, as well as create a café which will open into the Courtyard Learning Center providing seating and educational areas as part of the landscaped courtyard.

Construction of the capital asset is complete as of June 2026, and grant is in closeout stage.



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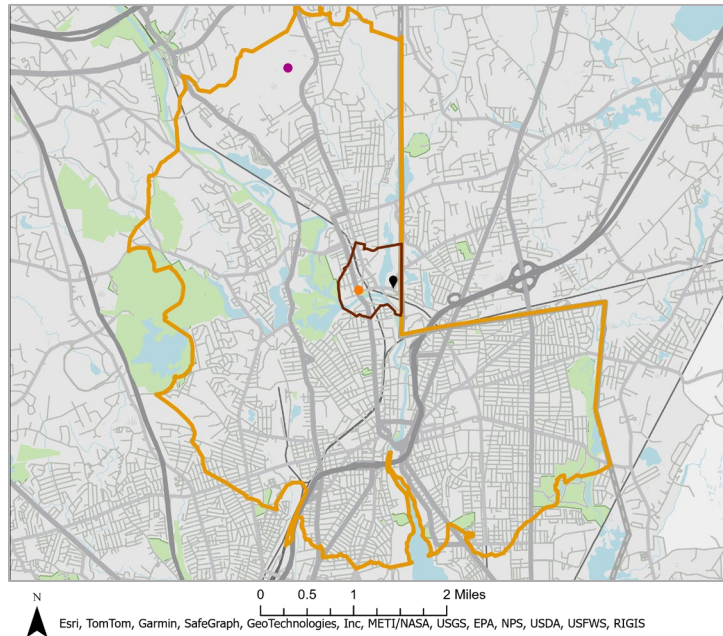
Top middle: Renovated Computer lab

Top right: Skills-training Café

Cumberland, RI

Wellness Hub at the Amaral Building and Valley Falls Heritage Park

Status: More than 50% Complete



The Town of Cumberland is part of Providence County in northeastern Rhode Island and has a population of 37,509. This community learning center renovation project ties together the Amaral Building (2,720 sq ft) and Heritage Park (2.3 acres) on Mill Street.

The \$3,118,159 grant from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program funds the adaptive reuse of existing town assets as community resources. This renovation will create an outdoor classroom, flexible learning space, a computer lab, and telehealth and community paramedicine offices.



The Town will provide programs that enable work, health monitoring, and education. Work enabling programs include professional resume review and writing assistance, series of drop-in mock interview sessions, skills training, and job fairs. Health monitoring enabling programs include inoculations, paramedic-assisted telehealth appointments, blood pressure tests, cholesterol screening, and other preventative care services. Educational programs include after-school peer tutoring, and General Education Development program or English Language Learners courses.



These programs will be available at the CLC after the project achieves substantial completion. Substantial completion of the interior renovation at the Amaral building occurred in December 2025. Substantial completion for Heritage Park is expected for October 2026.

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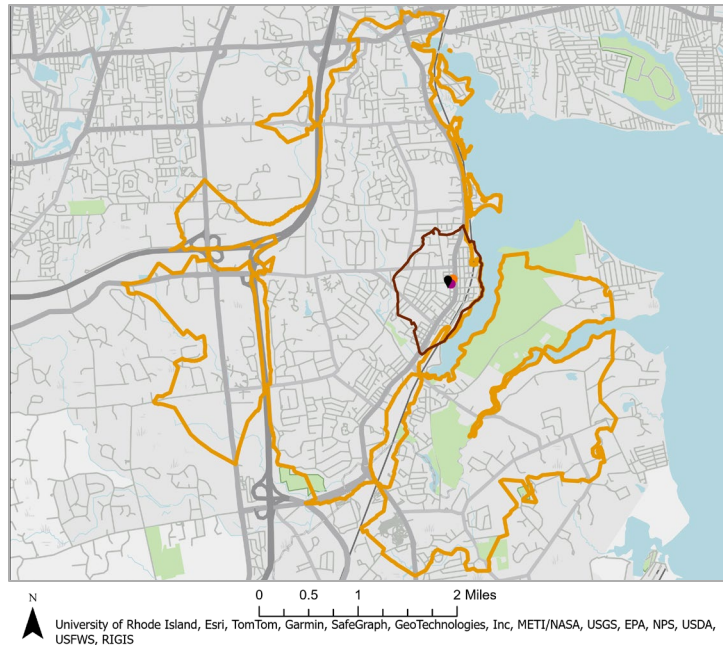
Top middle: Fully restored exterior

Top right: Renovated interior

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East Greenwich, RI Swift Community Center Renovation Project

Status: More than 50% Complete



The Town of East Greenwich is part of Kent County in central Rhode Island and has a population of 14,626. The Swift Community Center Renovation Project is an addition on the north end of the existing Swift Community Center.

The \$1,596,800 of funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supports the creation of two multi-purpose classrooms, a dedicated health screening room, a restroom, and three teleconference rooms.



The Town of East Greenwich plans to provide health screenings, workforce trainings, and afterschool education programs at the CLC after the project achieves substantial completion.

Substantial completion of the addition and other renovations is currently targeted for September 2026.



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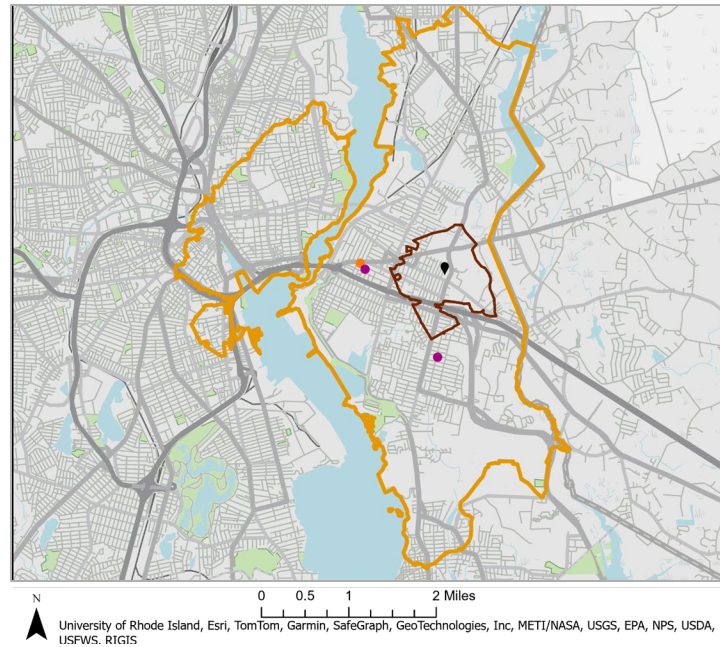
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Top middle: Building addition with existing building roof in back

Top right: Mid-renovation interior

East Providence, RI East Providence Community Center

Status: Less than 50% Complete



The City of East Providence is part of Providence County in eastern Rhode Island and has a population of 49,600. The East Providence Community Center is a new construction project located at 610 Waterman Avenue near the East Providence Senior Center.

The \$10,493,659 of funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supports the creation of four multipurpose spaces for health, education, and workforce development programming, a health services room and office, three individual spaces for people to take telehealth, education, or workforce development appointments in private, and administration space.



The City of East Providence plans to provide health monitoring services, educational programming including General Education Development program courses, and workforce development programming that connects residents to jobs at the CLC after the project achieves substantial completion.

Substantial completion of the construction of the CLC is currently targeted for October 2026.



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Top middle: Project rendering (exterior)

Top right: Steel framing erected

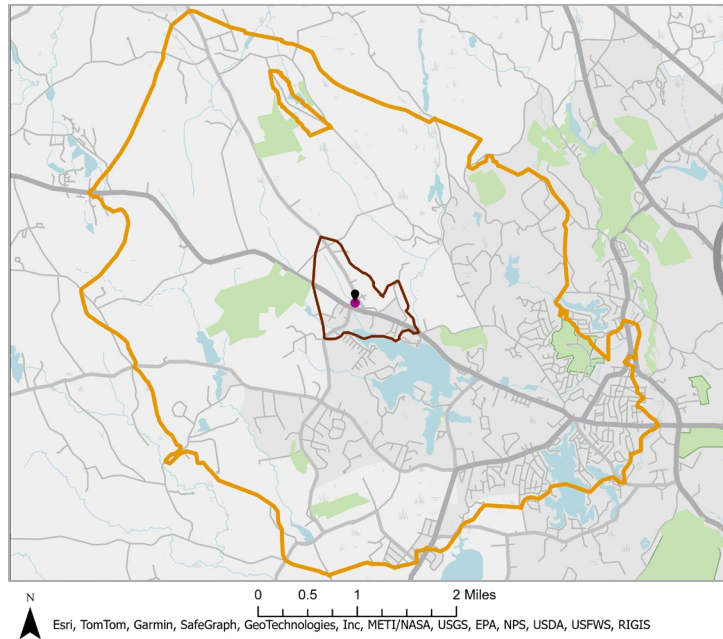
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Glocester, RI

Harmony Library Community Addition

Status: More than 50% Complete



The Town of Glocester is part of Providence County in northern Rhode Island and has a population of 9,974. The Town of Foster is also part of Providence County and is adjacent to the Town of Glocester. Foster's population is 4,469. The Harmony Library Community Room Addition is a new construction project to build an addition at the Harmony Library, owned and operated by a private non-profit. This project is funded jointly by Glocester and Foster.

The \$768,988 of funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program will support the creation of a larger community room and three private areas that provide access to telehealth, education, and employment.



The Harmony Library will offer dedicated spaces for telehealth, employment, and education resources. In addition, the library will provide self-care workshops for hypertension, one-on-one assistance for resume writing and job applications, and preschool workshops readying children for kindergarten. These services will be developed with a focus on the needs of the Glocester and Foster communities and will be operational at the CLC after the project achieves substantial completion.

Substantial completion of the addition and all other renovations is currently targeted for July 2026.



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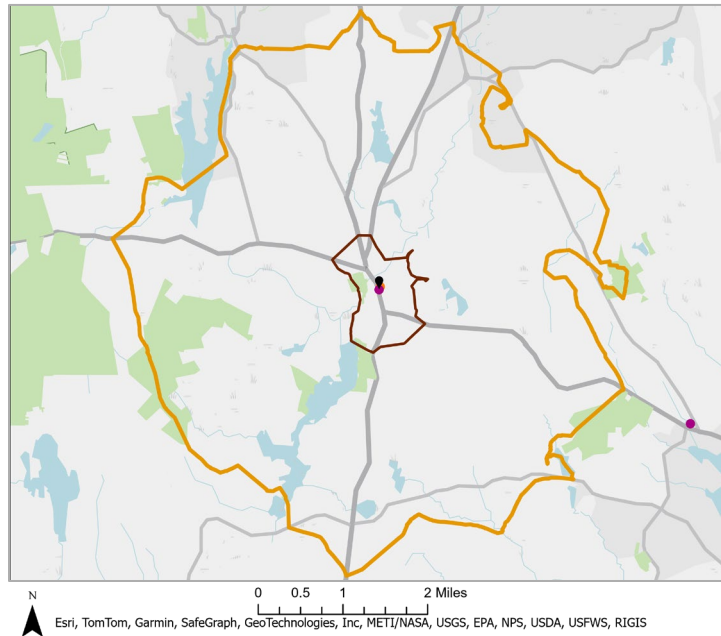
Top middle: Building extension

Top right: Newly created quiet tele-access rooms

Glocester, RI

Manton Library Community Room and Meeting Rooms

Status: Complete



The Town of Glocester is part of the Providence County in northern Rhode Island and has a population of 9,974. The Town of Foster is also part of Providence County and is adjacent to the Town of Glocester. Foster's population is 4,469. The Community Room and Meeting Rooms project is a renovation at the Glocester Manton Library, owned and operated by a private non-profit. This project is funded jointly by Glocester and Foster.

The \$261,259 of funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supported the creation of three private rooms and the renovation of a storage area and the library's community room.



The Glocester Manton Library plans to offer dedicated spaces for telehealth, employment, and education resources.

In addition, the library will provide health monitoring and self-care workshops for hypertension, and assistance with online job applications. These services will be developed with a focus on the needs of the Glocester and Foster communities and will be operational at the CLC after the project achieves substantial completion.

Substantial completion of the renovations occurred in December 2025.

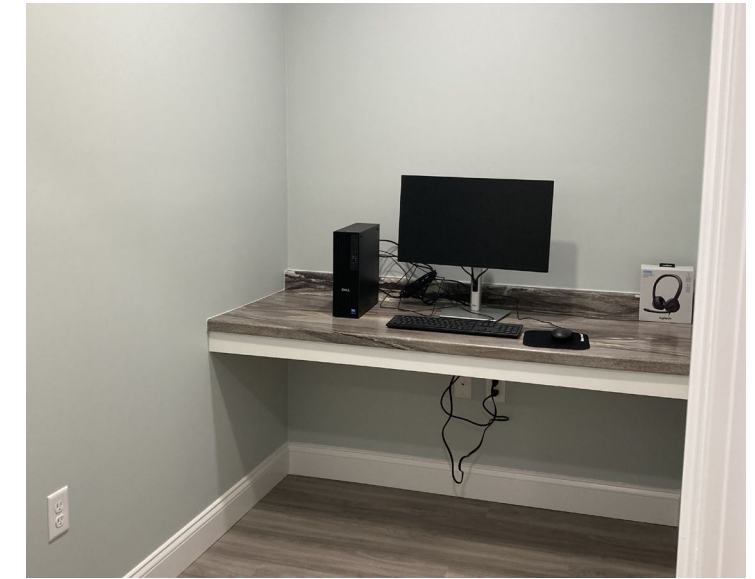


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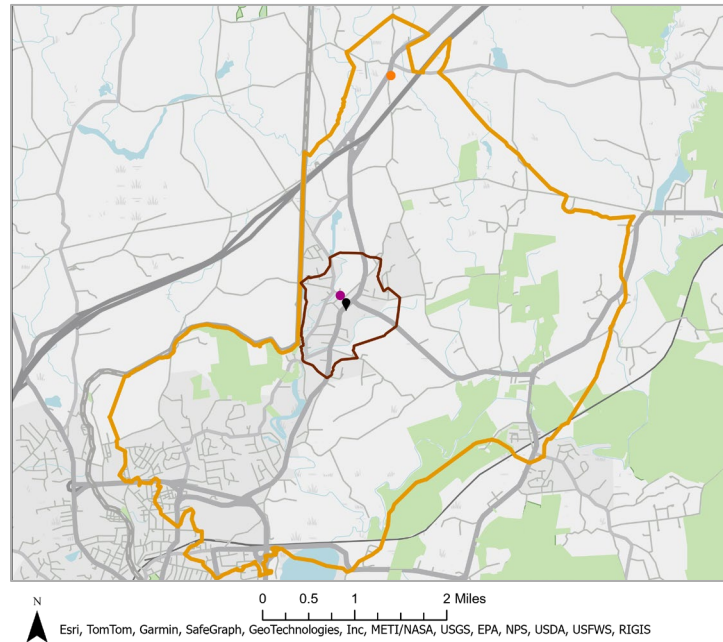
Top middle: Multipurpose meeting room

Top right: Quiet tele-access room

Hopkinton, RI

Hopkinton Regional Community Center

Status: Construction Complete



The Town of Hopkinton is part of Washington County in southwestern Rhode Island and has a population of 8,398. The Town of Richmond is also part of Washington County and is adjacent to the Town of Hopkinton. Richmond's population is 8,020. The Hopkinton Regional Community Center is a renovation of a former Department of Public Works garage and an existing community center on the Crandall Field property. This project is funded jointly by Hopkinton and Richmond.

The \$2,666,514.04 of funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supported the creation of the Hopkinton Regional Community Center, that consists of three office-size rooms equipped



with computers for residents of Hopkinton and Richmond to utilize for interviews or telehealth appointments, a large fitness room, and a large open room with a foldable wall and tables set up to be used as a classroom for job training and education programs. The project also includes a breakroom with a refrigerator and microwave as well as two-bathroom facilities.

Hopkinton and Richmond plan to provide interview and resume building workshops, courses in Emergency Medical Technician certification, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification, and TIPS® Alcohol Certification, educational workshops like Science,



Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics, homework clubs, PSAT and SAT workshops, FAFSA® workshops, telehealth space, and elderly nursing checks, at the CLC.

Construction of the capital asset is complete as of February 2026, and grant is in closeout stage.

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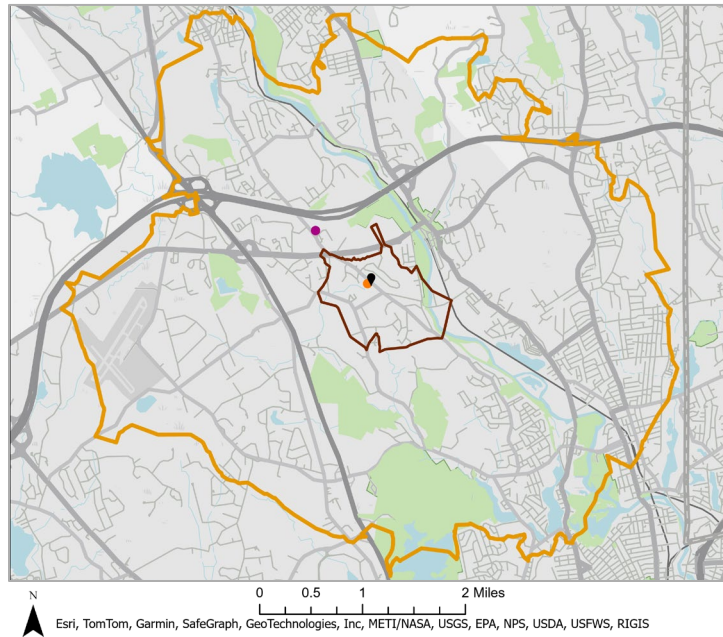
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Top middle: Renovated exterior

Top right: Multipurpose meeting room

Lincoln, RI Lincoln Learning Center

Status: More than 50% Complete



The Town of Lincoln is part of Providence County in northern Rhode Island and has a population of 23,334. The Lincoln Learning Center is new construction that is co-located with the Lincoln Rescue Department next to the Town Hall and Police Station.

The \$2,000,000 of funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supports the creation of the Lincoln Learning Center with a large classroom, three individual work rooms and a small meeting room.

The Town of Lincoln and its partners at the Lincoln Rescue Department, Lincoln Literacy Center, and



the Boys and Girls Club of Rhode Island plan to provide literacy programs, K-12 continuing education, health monitoring seminars and individual workstations for community members.

The Lincoln Learning Center project expects to achieve substantial completion by August 2026.



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Top middle: Exterior of CLC (brick section)

Top right: Multipurpose meeting room

Newport, RI Florence Gray Community Learning Center

Status: More than 50% Complete



The City of Newport and the Town of Middletown are part of Newport County in southeastern Rhode Island and have a combined population of 40,901 (Newport: 24,717, Middletown: 16,184.) The Florence Gray Community Learning Center is a renovation near a residential neighborhood with access to public transportation. This project is funded jointly by Middletown and Newport.

The \$7,527,554 of funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supports the creation of seven classrooms, two computer labs, four multi-purpose spaces, one telemedicine room, and associated accessory spaces.



The center will be home to several program partners such as Boys & Girls Club of Newport, FabNewport, Newport Health Equity Zone (HEZ), Turning Around Ministries, and East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP.) The team is coordinating closely with the current tenants of the building to incorporate their current programs with those of newer program partners to provide services such as visiting nurses who will help monitor residents' health; job fairs and training programs that meet the needs of the Newport and Middletown communities, and multiple education focused programs including FAFSA® coaching and completion events and extended learning opportunities.



The renovation project is currently targeting substantial completion by August 2026.

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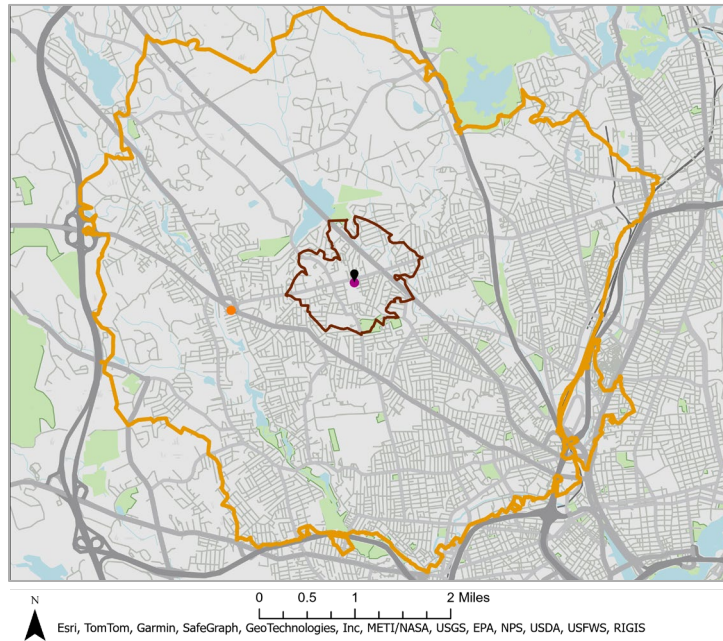
Top middle: Exterior and side entrance to Florence Gray Center

Top right: Interior under renovation

North Providence, RI

North Providence Community Learning Center

Status: More than 50% Complete



The Town of North Providence is part of Providence County in northern Rhode Island and has a population of 34,114. The North Providence Community Learning Center Upgrades project is a renovation of the North Providence Union Free Library on Mineral Spring Avenue, a municipally owned and operated library.

The \$2,860,894 of funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supports the creation of a renovated 6,500 sq ft outdoors classroom area, a 900 sq ft computer room, a 795 sq ft classroom, and a 350 sq ft private meeting room, 252 sq ft storage/copy area, one new and one renovated ADA compliant restroom. Mechanical,



electrical, and fire alarm upgrades for these areas are also included in the project.

The North Providence Union Free Library plans to provide workshop spaces, job training resources, educational opportunities, and telemedicine programming within these newly created classroom and computer room spaces at the library after the project achieves substantial completion.

Substantial completion of the interior renovation occurred in January 2026. Substantial completion of the exterior renovation is expected for October 2026.



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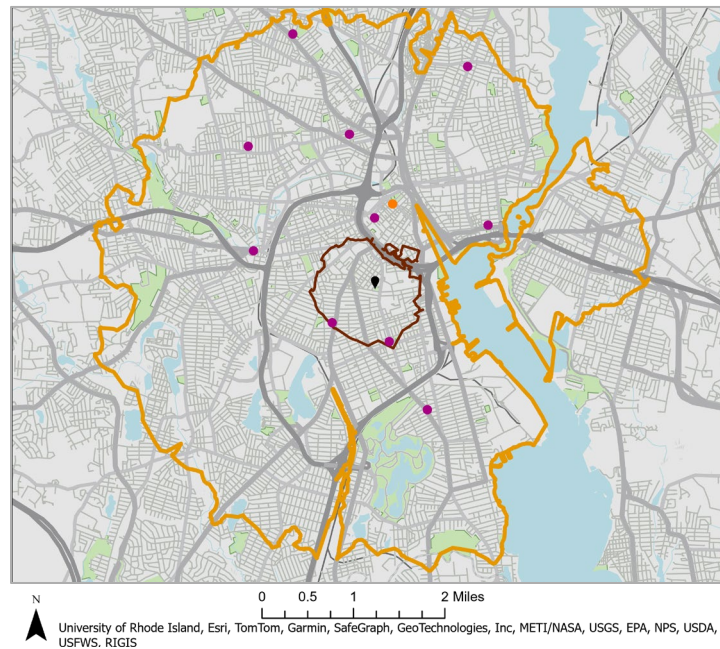
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Top middle: Classroom

Top right: Mid-renovation exterior classroom space

Providence, RI Davey Lopes Recreation Center

Status: More than 50% Complete



The City of Providence is part of Providence County and is Rhode Island's capital city with a population of 190,792. The CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program project is a renovation of the Davey Lopes Recreation Center located at 227 Dudley St in the heart of the city's Upper South Providence neighborhood, serving a densely populated community with high rates of unemployment and poverty.

The \$7,583,842 in funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supports the complete renovation of the 9,000-sf facility including ADA upgrades, new paint, flooring, ceiling, and lighting, door replacement, and HVAC upgrades. Interior



areas being renovated are the computer lab, two multipurpose rooms, two private interview rooms, a private telemedicine room, and a kitchenette.

The Providence Department of Recreation will provide the following types of programs and services: computer workstations so residents can search city job boards and review virtual workforce development tools such as resume and cover letter templates; after-school homework support and tutoring services to supplement existing after-school activities; summer camp, reading programs, literacy support, and additional educational programs; and health and social support programs for residents struggling with



addiction, mental and behavioral health support services, and emergency response kits. These services will be provided after the project achieves substantial completion.

Substantial completion of the renovations is currently targeted for August 2026.

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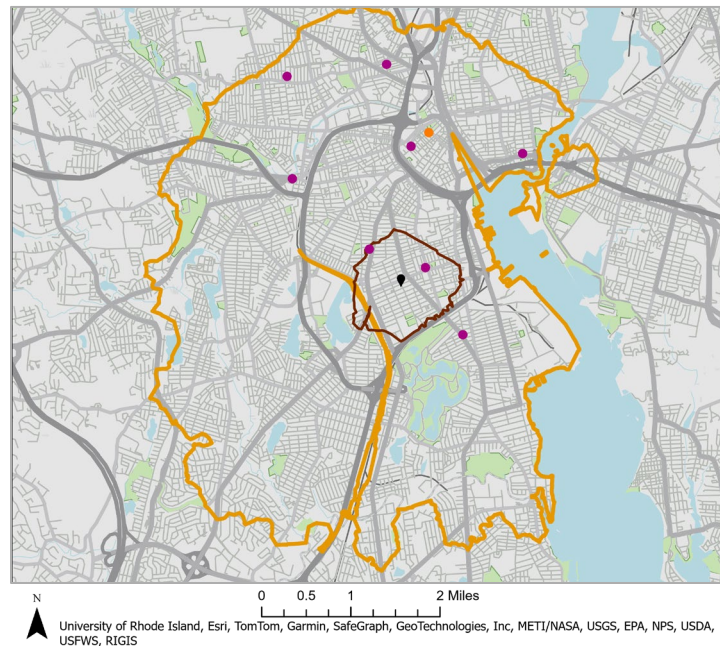
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Top middle: Mid-renovation multipurpose room

Top right: Three tele-access rooms

Providence, RI Elmwood Community Center

Status: Construction Complete



The City of Providence is part of Providence County and is Rhode Island's capital city with a population of 190,792. The CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program project is a renovation of the Elmwood Community Center located in the heart of the city's Elmwood neighborhood.

The \$2,701,158 of funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supports the renovation of the Elmwood Community Center, which has been vacant for multiple years due to failing conditions and lack of funding for necessary repairs and improvements. The City of Providence has used these funds to revitalize the Center into a functional and inviting space for community



health, work, and education programming. The project includes mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection site work and interior shell space fit-out of the center, audio visual work; furniture, fixtures, and equipment; access control and security; accessibility; electrical infrastructure; and envelope repairs and upgrades. Renovations created five multi-purpose rooms, a computer lab, a sitting area, private interview rooms, including a dedicated telemedicine room, and an assembly space.

The Providence Department of Recreation plans to provide the following types of programs and services: small business coaching and support;



municipal employee pathway programming; extended learning programs for local youth, focused on advancing student coursework; and drug, alcohol, and tobacco prevention services. These services will be provided after the project achieves substantial completion.

Construction of the capital asset is complete as of May 2026, and grant is in closeout stage.

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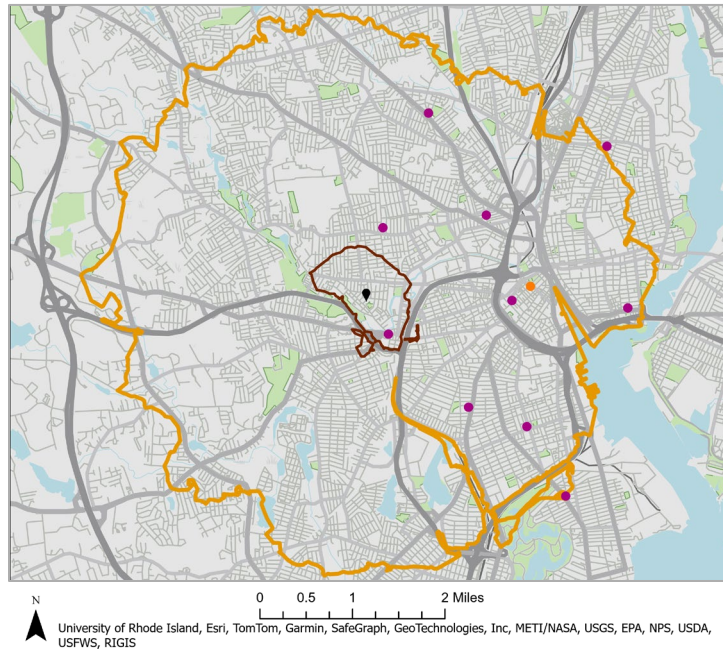
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Top middle: Multipurpose meeting room

Top right: Repaired and restored exterior

Providence, RI Joslin Recreation Center

Status: More than 50% Complete



The City of Providence is part of Providence County and is Rhode Island's capital city with a population of 190,792. The CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program project is a renovation of the Joslin Recreation Center located in the heart of the City's Olneyville neighborhood.

The \$5,915,000 CLC Municipal Grant Program grant supports the renovation of the center's two floors which includes ADA upgrades, and new flooring, acoustic ceiling tiles, lighting, paint, and energy efficient light fixtures. There will be HVAC upgrades throughout the first floor to replace antiquated and inefficient heating and cooling systems. A key area of renovation will be the



center's computer lab. This area will contain five small private rooms to be used for virtual job interviews and small community meetings, including one dedicated telemedicine room. In addition, the project will create/renovate three multipurpose rooms to be used for workforce development sessions, educational services like tutoring, or health events.

The Providence Department of Recreation will provide public access to computer workstations where members of the public can search city job boards and review virtual workforce development tools; publicly accessible after-school programming for children that includes homework



help and tutoring support; and drug, alcohol, and tobacco prevention services. These services will be provided after the project achieves substantial completion.

Substantial completion of the renovations is currently targeted for October 2026.

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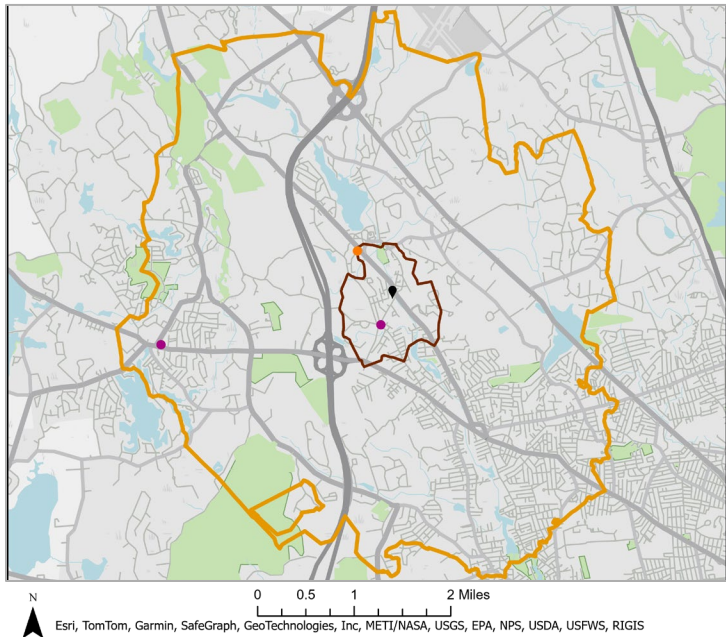
Top middle: Mid-renovation tele-access rooms

Top right: Mid-renovation multipurpose room

Smithfield, RI

East Smithfield Neighborhood Center

Status: Construction Complete



The Town of Smithfield is part of Providence County in north-central Rhode Island and has a population of 22,118. The East Smithfield Neighborhood Center project is a renovation of an existing community center in the Village of Esmond.

The \$2,592,961 in funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supports the creation of a new educational lab with office/counseling space, meeting space for seniors, a function hall, and space for social services.

The Town of Smithfield plans to provide preventive health services, a new food pantry, job



training/ GED and a gathering place for seniors at the CLC after the project achieves substantial completion.

Construction of the capital asset is complete as of March 2026, and grant is in closeout stage.



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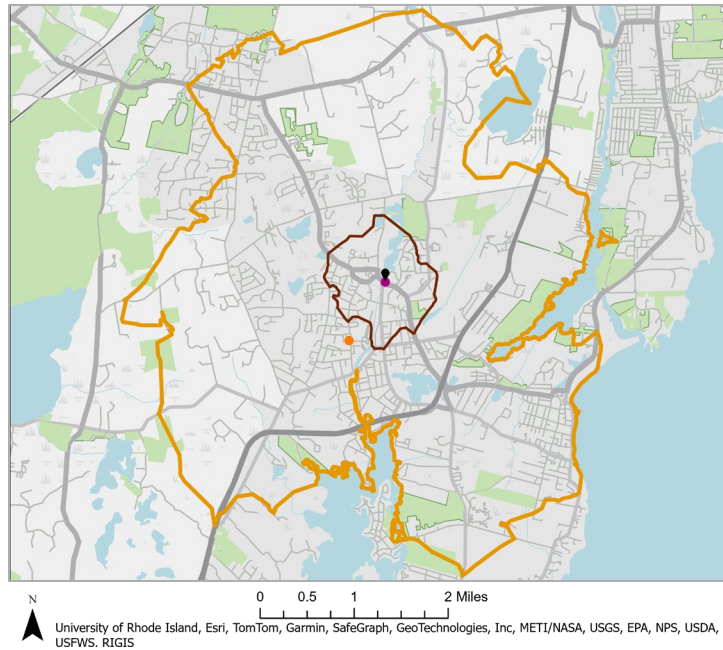
Top middle: Renovated and restored entrance and exterior

Top right: Renovated main hall

South Kingstown, RI

Peace Dale Library Community Learning Center Services Expansion Project

Status: More than 50% Complete



The Town of South Kingstown is part of Washington County in southern Rhode Island and has a population of 31,931. The Peace Dale Library Community Learning Center Services Expansion Project is a renovation of underutilized space within the Peace Dale Library, a municipally owned and operated library.

The \$2,893,891 of funding from the ARPA CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supports the build-out of a mezzanine space for the creation of two small multipurpose rooms and a large flexible classroom/multipurpose area. A secondary balcony will be renovated to add a small meeting room and an administrative office. A new ADA-



accessible bathroom will be added, along with another meeting space on the main level for telehealth.

The South Kingstown Public Library will provide programs and resources to support workforce, education, and health monitoring, including one-on-one assistance with telehealth, navigating technology, job search and application help at the CLC after the project achieves substantial completion.

Substantial completion of the renovations is currently targeted for July 2026.



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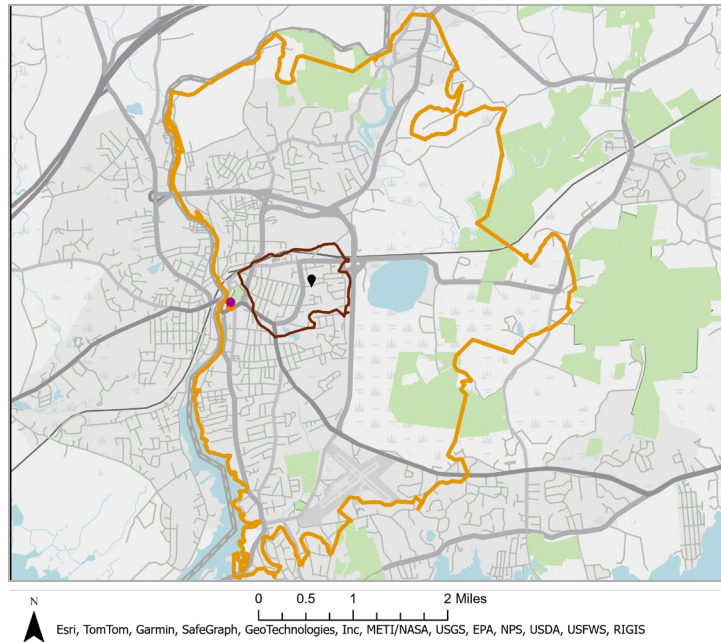
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Top middle: Restored historic interior roof

Top right: Mid-renovation multipurpose room

Westerly, RI Tower Street Community Center

Status: More than 50% Complete



The Town of Westerly lies in Washington County in southwestern Rhode Island and has a population of 23,359. The Tower Street Community Center is a new construction project being built on the site of the former Tower Street Elementary School in the town's urban services district.

The \$3,819,120 of funding from the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supports the creation of a community center comprising a public lobby, a services/reception area where a navigator employee will be stationed, two classrooms, two multipurpose rooms, three private telehealth/teleconferencing rooms, and five medical exam rooms.



Tower Street Center Inc., the non-profit entity that will operate the facility, will provide free access to Wi-Fi for public use, access to the navigator to assist patrons to learn about and access wrap-around services, private spaces with telehealth and teleconferencing capabilities, and a conference room for use by community groups. The center will house out-of-school educational and mentor program opportunities for school-aged children, along with workforce training programs, and certified nursing assistant and medical assistant training. Healthcare monitoring, access to primary care providers, urgent care services, behavioral health services, and dental services will be provided.



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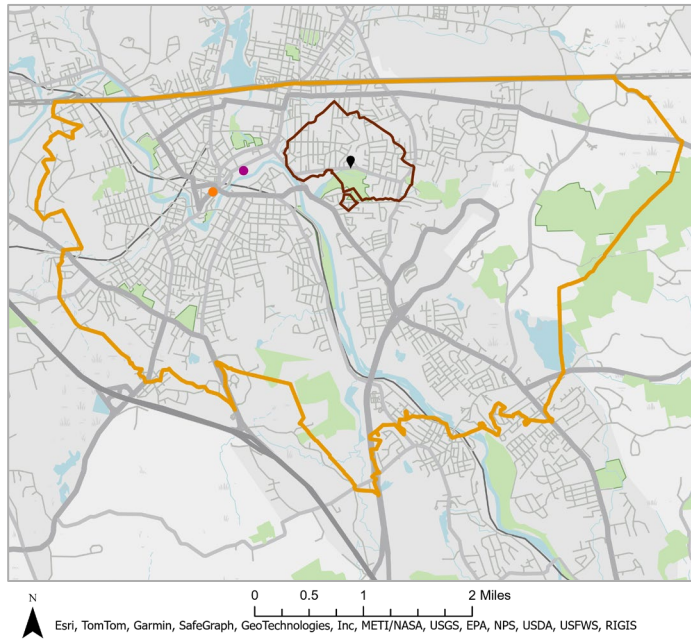
Top middle: Mid-construction exterior

Top right: Mid-construction tele-access rooms

Woonsocket, RI

Woonsocket Multipurpose Community Learning Center

Status: Less than 50% Complete



The City of Woonsocket is part of Providence County in the northern part of Rhode Island and has a population of approximately 43,000. The Woonsocket Multipurpose Community Learning Center is a new construction located on Cass Avenue and is a part of Cass Park.

The \$7,143,500 of funding from the ARPA CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program supports the creation of a 14,000 square foot state-of-the-art center that will provide health monitoring, workforce development, and educational programs for the whole community.

The health component will include blood pressure monitoring, nutritional coaching, weight loss



programs, as well as other monitoring. Workforce development will include in-person and online employment programs at the Center, help with job applications and interviewing techniques, conducting career self-assessments and planning, improving computer literacy to find a job, and enhancing Microsoft Office Skills. Job training will include Certified Nursing Assistant certifications, apprenticeships in the building and construction trades, landscapers, arborists, construction site specialists, and environmental technicians. The Center will host monthly job fairs, targeting local industry groups, such as service, manufacturing, hospitality, construction, non-profit, etc.



The education programs will include English as a second language, adult basic education (reading, math, and writing), GED® preparation, transition to college, computer literacy, and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics classes.

Substantial completion of the construction of the new learning center is targeted for October 2026.

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Top right: Mid - construction building envelope

Burrillville, RI Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library



The Town of Burrillville is part of Providence County in Northern Rhode Island and has a population of 16,157.

The \$39,670 of funding supported the provision of a complete roof replacement at Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library. Beginning 08/08/2024, the library provides recreation, education, work, and health-monitoring related services including, but not limited to literacy and digital literacy programs, information assistance, entertainment, job search and application support, technology assistance, skills training support, health and wellness programs.

Location: **100 Tinkham Lane Harrisville, RI 02830**
CPF Funds: **\$39,670**
Status: **Construction complete. Closeout pending**

Cranston, RI Cranston Public Library – Auburn



The City of Cranston is part of Providence County in Central Rhode Island and has a population of 82,000.

The \$21,704 of funding at Cranston's Auburn Library will support the replacement of fire alarm wired connections to an AES radio box system, the purchase of furniture for the public reading area, and ADA compliant automatic door upgrades to the front door. All work is expected to be completed by October 2026.

Location: **396 Pontiac Ave Cranston, RI 02910**
CPF Funds: **\$21,704**
Status: **Less than 50% Complete**

Cranston, RI Cranston Public Library – Central



The City of Cranston is part of Providence County in Central Rhode Island and has a population of 82,000.

The \$147,853 of funding at Cranston's Central Library will support the replacement of a rooftop RTU unit for building-wide HVAC, the replacement of fire alarm wired connections to an AES radio box system, improvements to the Library's security system, improvements to the digital learning lab, new study carrels and furniture, and improving systems for hearing accessibility in the Library's community room. All work is expected to be completed by October 2026.

Location: **140 Sockanosset Cross Rd Cranston, RI**
CPF Funds: **\$147,853**
Status: **Less than 50% Complete**

Cranston, RI Cranston Public Library – Knightsville



The City of Cranston is part of Providence County in Central Rhode Island and has a population of 82,000.

The \$12,438 of funding at Cranston's Knightsville Library will support the replacement of fire alarm wired connections to an AES radio box system and improvements to the library's security system. All work is expected to be completed by October 2026.

Location: **1847 Cranston St Cranston, RI 02920**
CPF Funds: **\$12,438**
Status: **Less than 50% Complete**

Cranston, RI Cranston Public Library – Oaklawn



The City of Cranston is part of Providence County in Central Rhode Island and has a population of 82,000.

The \$10,000 of funding at Cranston's Oaklawn Library will support the replacement of fire alarm wired connections to an AES radio box system. All work is expected to be completed by October 2026.

Location: **230 Wilbur Ave Cranston, RI 02921**
CPF Funds: **\$10,000**
Status: **Less than 50% Complete**

Cranston, RI Cranston Public Library – William Hall



The City of Cranston is part of Providence County in Central Rhode Island and has a population of 82,000.

The \$18,010 of funding at Cranston's William Hall Library will support the replacement of fire alarm wired connections to an AES radio box system, improving systems for hearing accessibility in the Library's auditorium and the creation of a self-service high-speed scanning, copying and faxing station. All work is expected to be completed by October 2026.

Location: **1825 Broad St Cranston, RI 02905**
CPF Funds: **\$18,010**
Status: **Less than 50% Complete**

Exeter, RI Exeter Public Library



The Town of Exeter is part of Washington County in Southern Rhode Island and has a population of 7,195.

The \$26,965 funding will support the modification of two public restrooms at the Exeter Public Library. These improvements will enhance the comfort, accessibility, and overall experience, supporting visitation and participation in library programs and services. The upgraded facilities will help ensure the library remains a safe, welcoming, and functional public space for all community members and strengthen the library's ability to provide educational, workforce, and community services in an accessible environment.

Location: **675 Ten Rod Rd Exeter, RI 02822**

CPF Funds: **\$26,965**

Status: **Less than 50% Complete**

Little Compton, RI Brownell Library



The Town of Little Compton is part of Newport County in Eastern Rhode Island and has a population of 3,616.

The \$25,000 of funding will support the purchased of new furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) at the Brownell Library. The library is one of the few community gathering spaces in Little Compton. The capital asset is used by people looking for a place to read, access the internet for school, work, and health purposes, gather for conversation, and for other various library programs. This grant will allow the library to replace old and outdated FF&E.

Location: **44 Commons St Little Compton, RI 02837**

CPF Funds: **\$25,000**

Status: **Not Started**

Narragansett, RI Maury Loontjens Memorial Library



The Town of Narragansett is part of Washington County in Southern Rhode Island and has a population of 14,532.

The \$25,000 of funding supported the modification and updating of the Maury Loontjens Memorial Library's roof with safety railings and the installation of solar panels. The library continues to provide programming supporting work, education and health monitoring with programs such as computer classes, makerspace workshops, health and wellness sessions, among others.

Location: **25 Pier Market Pl Narragansett, RI 02882**

CPF Funds: **\$25,000**

Status: **Construction complete. Closeout pending**

New Shoreham, RI Island Free Library



The Town of New Shoreham is part of Washington County in Southern Rhode Island and has a population of 1,410.

The \$25,475 of funding supported the purchase and installation of a new LULA elevator at the Island Free Library. Beginning May 2026, the Library can provide full access to all floors, programs, collections and meeting spaces in its facility representing a return to full service as a community center and hub of activities for the island community.

Location: **9 Dodge St New Shoreham, RI 02807**

CPF Funds: **\$25,475**

Status: **Construction complete. Closeout pending**

North Kingstown, RI North Kingstown Free Library



The Town of North Kingstown is part of Washington County in Southern Rhode Island and has a population of 27,732.

The \$51,644 of funding supported the modification and modernization of the North Kingstown Free Library elevator. The project improved reliability, safety, and equitable public accessibility, ensuring that all library patrons can independently access educational programming, private meeting spaces, public computers with reliable broadband internet access, workforce development resources, and health-related information and telehealth access throughout the facility.

Location: **100 Boone St North Kingstown, RI 02852**

CPF Funds: **\$51,644**

Status: **Construction complete. Closeout pending**

Pawtucket, RI Pawtucket Public Library



The City of Pawtucket is part of Providence County in Northern Rhode Island and has a population of 75,604.

The \$242,226 of funding supported the installation of a new automatic sprinkler system. This capital asset upgrade was required per the Pawtucket Fire Marshall to meet the local fire codes. The project was completed in April 2024.

Location: **13 Summer St Pawtucket, RI 02860**

CPF Funds: **\$242,226**

Status: **Construction complete. Closeout pending**

Tiverton, RI Tiverton Public Library



The Town of Tiverton is part of Newport County in Eastern Rhode Island and has a population of 16,369.

The \$35,863 of funding will support the purchase of furniture and equipment for the Learning Center, Seminar Room, and Teen Library. Funding will also go towards the creation of storage in the Learning Center. All work is expected to be completed by early October 2026.

Location: **34 Roosevelt Ave Tiverton, RI 02878**
CPF Funds: **\$35,863**
Status: **Not Started**

Warwick, RI Warwick Public Library – Central



The City of Warwick is part of Kent County in Central Rhode Island and has a population of 84,187.

The \$111,488.80 of funding at Warwick's Central Library supported the provision of new furniture for study rooms and program/meeting rooms, improved privacy for program/meeting rooms, carpet replacement in various high traffic spaces, installation of ADA automatic door mechanisms for the restrooms, a replacement of the library's water heater, and a replacement of exterior doors at the main entrance

Location: **600 Sandy Lane Warwick, RI 02889**
CPF Funds: **\$111,488.80**
Status: **More than 50% Complete**

Warwick, RI Warwick Public Library - Conimicut



The City of Warwick is part of Kent County in Central Rhode Island and has a population of 84,187.

The \$69,868.20 of funding at Warwick's Conimicut Library supported the provision of new furniture for studying, programming, and general use within the branch. The funding will also support the painting and restoration of the exterior of the building. Replacements and repairs to the roof, chimney and gutters will also be completed within the period of performance. Roof work is expected to be completed by September 2026.

Location: **55 Beach Ave Warwick, RI 02889**
CPF Funds: **\$69,868.20**
Status: **Less than 50% Complete**

West Greenwich, RI Louttit Library



The Town of West Greenwich is part of Kent County in Central Rhode Island and has a population of 6,750.

The \$26,834 of funding will support the modification of the adult room, children's room, and circulation area by removing and replacing the old carpeting at the Louttit Library. Upon project completion, Louttit Library plans to provide programs and services that are educational for adults and children, support job searchers, and provide private spaces for telehealth appointments at the library.

Location: **274 Victory Hwy West Greenwich, RI 02817**
CPF Funds: **\$26,834**
Status: **Not Started**

West Warwick, RI West Warwick Public Library



The Town of West Warwick is part of Kent County in Western Rhode Island and has a population of 31,000.

The \$83,136 of funding will support the provision of new library furniture to replace worn and outdated furniture items, as well as the removal and disposal of the old furniture at the West Warwick Public Library. After project completion, the library will be able to better serve patrons while providing a range of programs and services in multiple areas of the building which will be enhanced by the provision of new furniture at the library.

Location: **1043 Main St West Warwick, RI 02893**
CPF Funds: **\$83,136**
Status: **Not Started**

Addressing Critical Needs

The CPF Community Learning Center Municipal Grant Program requires all grantees to prioritize identifying and addressing the community's critical needs in their data gathering, community engagement, and program development.

Program Development: Grantees assembled objective, reliable data to validate the issues their community learning center will address through targeted programming.

Community Engagement: PRO required the CLC project grantees to develop a multi-pronged grassroots community engagement strategy that maximizes their outreach to community members.

CLC Grantees provided documentation demonstrating community outreach using consistent, frequent, and open communication, in multiple languages where useful, and at various locations, and events, to enable community members to provide maximum input into the community learning center project and its programs.

CLMG grantees are required to provide documentation that demonstrates that the libraries conduct ongoing community engagement using consistent, frequent, and open communication, in multiple languages where useful, and at various locations, and events, to enable community input to inform library programming.

Access: Projects are required to be ADA accessible to ensure that community members of all physical abilities can use the CPF funded community learning centers. PRO has also provided guidance that the community learning centers must have expansive and flexible operating hours to enable community members to use the facility in accordance with their schedule and convenience.

Affordability: In accordance with Treasury's and PRO's guidance, CPF CLC and CLMG projects are required to provide free/affordable services to community members. The Treasury-compliant programs that directly and jointly enable work, education, and health monitoring may not charge any more than the minimal amount needed to defray minimal costs of basic supplies or equipment.

Labor

All recipients of the CPF Community Learning Center Municipal Grant have committed to using strong labor practices. Representatives from the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training provided all subrecipients with guidance and materials to help increase awareness of the State's labor law compliance requirements that may apply to these projects. PRO has advised subrecipients to include language requiring equal employment opportunity certification and prevailing wage requirements in their contracts, as well as Davis-Bacon and preference for complying with the Build America, Buy America Act, where applicable.

PRO requires all grantees to submit their contract documentation that demonstrates compliance with the requirement for strong labor standards to promote effective and efficient delivery of quality infrastructure projects while also supporting the economic recovery through employment opportunities for workers.

Community Engagement

Throughout the application process and subaward agreement finalization, PRO required all subrecipients of the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program to commit to a grassroots multi-pronged community engagement strategy that facilitates ongoing participation from diverse community members through the period of performance which ends on December 31, 2026. Grantees are conducting outreach through emails, websites, paper flyers, tables at town events, surveys, focus groups, town-hall meetings, listening sessions, as well as through partnership with community programming organizations. Several grantees have created dedicated websites to create an online platform for community engagement. URLs to these websites are listed below.

Barrington:

<https://www.barrington.ri.gov/491/Information-on-the-BSCC-Project>

Bristol: <https://rogersfreelibrary.org/clg-project/>

East Greenwich: <https://east-greenwich-ri.civilspace.io/en/projects/swift-community-center-expansion-becoming-a-community-learning-center> [east-greenwich-ri.civilspace.io]

Hopkinton: <https://www.hopkintonri.gov/MPCC>

South Kingstown:

<https://skpl.org/1161/Community-Learning-Center>

The Governor's office hosts and participates in several state-wide engagement efforts and shares regular updates on the CPF CLC Municipal Grant Program with municipal leaders and stakeholders.

PRO shares information about the program and projects through its website which is updated every quarter. The CPF and Community Learning Center webpages on the PRO website can be accessed at:

www.pandemicrecovery.ri.gov/CPF

www.pandemicrecovery.ri.gov/CLC

Several municipalities have already conducted community outreach capitalizing on the various summertime public events in their communities such as local movie nights, Independence Day and Earth Day celebrations, as well as stakeholder engagement meetings focused on the design and programming of the community learning center. These in-person engagement efforts are being complemented by digital and paper surveys, notices, virtual meetings, and online surveys. Additionally, the grantees are committed to develop processes to address grievances received during project construction/implementation which include regular team meetings, leadership oversight, transparent communications, and documentation of grievance. Pictures of a few of these outreach efforts are included below.



CPF Community Learning Center: Community Engagement Efforts



In 2025, the **Town of Hopkinton** set up a table with renderings of the CLC facility, the floor layout, and a survey at the Artessy event held by the Chariho School district. The event was for three hours, and it gave the team an opportunity to talk to many families in the district about the project.



The **Town of Lincoln** set up booths at various town events such as the 2024 Summer Concert Series pictured above. At these events members of the CLC project team were able to gather input from residents and answer questions about the project.



The **Town of Cumberland** created a multi-month engagement process which included: a community dinner and storytelling event, an in-person design meeting, and a hybrid design refinement meeting. These various events and formats allowed the community multiple opportunities to provide feedback into the CLC project at different points in the process.

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The **Town of South Kingstown** created a multi-pronged community outreach strategy that used flyers, social media, surveys, local event tabling (as pictured above), and focus groups to gather community input and address questions and concerns about the CLC project.



The **City of Woonsocket** conducted in person and online surveys and presented the project at several local public forums.



7 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, 2024
Bay Spring Community Center (2nd Floor)
170 Narragansett Ave.

- ➔ Get the latest on the renovation plans
- ➔ Ask the architect questions
- ➔ Have a say in the final design and programming



The **Town of Barrington** shares updates about the CLC project through its newsletters and calendars and has conducted public meetings and workshops to engage the community in the CLC project.

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In case of any questions, please reach out to CPF.PandemicRecovery@doa.ri.gov

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