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Quarterly Progress and Performance Report

This report complies with Article 1 Section 19 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 enacted budget that requires the Pandemic Recovery Office (PRO) to submit a biannual report on the status of projects financed by the American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA) Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF). As specified in Article 1 Section 19, the report identifies projects that are at risk of significant underspending or noncompliance with federal or state requirements and includes an assessment of how these projects can be remedied.

The U.S. Treasury's ARPA CPF program allocated $112.3 million to the State of Rhode Island to fund critical capital projects that enable work, education, and health monitoring in response to the public health emergency. All CPF projects must reach substantial completion by December 31, 2026, unless U.S Treasury approves a request for extension. U.S. Treasury defines substantial completion as the date at which a project can fulfill the primary operations that it was designed to perform, delivering services to end users.

The State is administering three grant programs under CPF:

(a) The Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program

(b) The Community Learning Center (CLC) Municipal Grant Program

(c) The Community Library Municipal Grant (CLMG) Program

There is no risk of substantial underspending of the grant programs under CPF. At the time of this report, none of the CPF projects present a risk of noncompliance with federal or state requirements. U.S. Treasury has required PRO to withhold 10% of any project's total award until all project closeout tasks are completed.

Program Overview: Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program

The Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program provides $22.1 million in grants to two internet service provider (ISP) vendors for high-quality broadband infrastructure and other connectivity infrastructure, devices and equipment, in 12 project areas. This grant program is being administered by the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (Rhode Island Commerce) with PRO providing policy coordination and compliance review.

The Broadband Infrastructure Projects Program grants were awarded through a request for proposals (RFP) process that included the CPF compliance requirements. All 12 subaward agreements were executed in March 2025 and contain the schedule, expenditure, and compliance requirements of each project awarded. Rhode Island Commerce is administering the grant and is responsible for providing biweekly updates to PRO on the progress and possibility of risk on each subaward.

An independent consultant has advised Rhode Island Commerce that the projects under this program can be implemented within 14 months per industry standards. The April 2026 Progress and Performance report identified two Broadband projects – Newport and Project Area (PA)-3 – that were being monitored to ensure compliance with the program requirement for project completion and the processing of final payments to vendors. In July 2026, U.S. Treasury provided an extension for the Newport project. PA-3 was descoped and no longer needs to be monitored for compliance with the timeline. **It is anticipated that 11 projects will be completed by December 31, 2026, and one project, Newport, will be**

completed by the Treasury-extended deadline of June 30, 2027.[a] Rhode Island Commerce will continually monitor and update program timelines to support successful project completion within the required timelines. Should the timelines of any of these projects show delays, Rhode Island Commerce will determine if the delay presents a risk of not completing the project by its deadline, either December 31, 2026 or June 30, 2027, and report those delays to PRO.

Listed below are the 12 Broadband Infrastructure Projects and their expected dates of completion.

TABLE 1: BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT TIMELINES

Projects	Broadband Serviceable Locations	Construction Start	Construction End
Newport	4,249	09/15/2025	06/30/2027
Jamestown	1,610	06/01/2025	07/31/2026
Westerly	372	02/26/2026	10/31/2026
Project Area (PA)-1 [b]	569	01/13/2026	10/31/2026
PA-2 [c]	443	08/04/2025	10/31/2026
PA-3 [d]	62	01/29/2026	10/31/2026
PA-4 [e]	105	01/20/2026	10/31/2026
PA-5 [f]	599	12/02/2025	10/31/2026
PA-6 [g]	528	01/09/2026	10/31/2026
PA-7 [h]	345	03/04/2026	10/31/2026
PA-A (Portsmouth)	2,181	07/24/2025	10/31/2026
PA-F (Tiverton)	4,529	12/29/2025	10/31/2026

** Project Areas 1 through 7 are composites of locations across multiple municipalities.* ***Data as of 9/30/2026***

Program Overview: Community Learning Center Municipal Grant Program

[a] On October 23, 2027, U.S. Treasury informed all Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund recipients that "the Period of Performance for all CPF grants will be extended to end on December 31, 2027."
[b] PA-1: Central Falls, Cumberland, Johnston, Lincoln, North Providence, Pawtucket, Providence, and Smithfield
[c] PA-2: Cumberland, Lincoln, North Smithfield, and Woonsocket
[d] PA-3: East Providence
[e] PA-4: Cranston, Johnston, Providence, and Warwick
[f] PA-5: Coventry, Foster, Glocester, and Scituate
[g] PA-6: Coventry, Cranston, Scituate, and Warwick
[h] PA-7: Exeter, Narragansett, North Kingstown, and West Greenwich

The Community Learning Center (CLC) Municipal Grant Program provides $82.5 million in grants to 21 projects in 18 Rhode Island municipalities to build or renovate multipurpose community facilities designed to directly and jointly enable work, education, and health monitoring. This total includes $81.7 million originally approved by the General Assembly for this grant program, and $0.5 million reallocated from PRO administrative funds and $0.3 million from Broadband Infrastructure program funds converted to CLC Municipal Grant Program funds with U.S. Treasury's approval. The CLC grants were awarded after an extensive application process during which PRO reviewed the proposals for CLC projects for grant and program compliance prior to the subaward.

PRO required all eligible projects to achieve substantial completion two months in advance of the U.S. Treasury deadline of December 31, 2026, to allow adequate time for project completion if projects encountered unexpected delays, such as seriously adverse winter weather, and to provide for accurate close-out billing. All municipal subrecipients have established feasible timelines for projects to be substantially complete by October 31, 2026. PRO also monitors each project quarterly to closely track the projects' progress against established timelines. This allows PRO to evaluate the potential risk of any given project not meeting U.S. Treasury's substantial completion deadline.

The table below lists the 21 CLC projects with their construction start and end dates. Several projects have revised the construction start date. **At this point, while some delays necessitate closer monitoring, none present a risk of non-completion by the grant deadline of December 31, 2026.** Projects that have reached substantial completion are highlighted in green.

TABLE 2: COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER PROJECT TIMELINES

Municipality	Project	Initial Construction Start Date	Revised Construction Start Date	Actual / Projected Construction End Date
Barrington	Bay Spring Community Learning Center	04/01/2025	06/23/2025	08/17/2026
Bristol	Rogers Free Library Facility Improvements	03/04/2025	10/15/2025	07/21/2026
Central Falls	El Centro	07/21/2025	08/11/2025	10/31/2026
Charlestown	Cross Mills Public Library	03/15/2025	01/05/2026	07/15/2026
Coventry	Coventry Community Learning Center	08/17/2024	08/17/2024	06/18/2026
Cumberland [i]	Amaral Building and Heritage Park	09/20/2024	09/20/2024	10/31/2026
East Greenwich	Swift Community Center *	03/16/2025	04/15/2025	11/01/2026
East Providence	East Providence Community Center *	04/01/2025	06/06/2025	10/31/2026
Glocester	Harmony Library *	08/10/2025	12/08/2025	10/16/2026
Glocester	Manton Library	02/10/2025	03/03/2025	12/31/2025

[i] The renovation of the Amaral Building was completed on 12/31/2025. The end date shown in the table is for the completion of the outdoor project in Heritage Park.

Municipality	Project	Initial Construction Start Date	Revised Construction Start Date	Actual / Projected Construction End Date
Hopkinton	Hopkinton/Richmond Community Center	01/01/2025	01/06/2025	02/09/2026
Lincoln	Lincoln Learning Center *	02/02/2025	03/07/2025	09/10/2026
Newport	Florence Gray Center	09/03/2024	09/03/2024	11/30/2026
North Providence [j]	North Providence Community Center	01/31/2025	06/16/2025	10/31/2026
Providence	Davey Lopes Recreation Center	06/15/2025	09/29/2025	09/17/2026
Providence	Elmwood Community Center	10/02/2023	10/02/2023	12/31/2025
Providence	Joslin Recreation Center	05/13/2025	09/04/2025	10/30/2026
Smithfield	East Smithfield Neighborhood Center	05/01/2022	05/01/2022	06/26/2026
South Kingstown	Peace Dale Library	07/31/2025	09/29/2025	10/16/2026
Westerly	Tower Street Community Center *	09/18/2025	10/27/2025	10/15/2026
Woonsocket	Community Learning Center at Cass Park *	05/21/2024	05/21/2024	10/31/2026

** New Construction* ***Data as of 9/30/2026***

Program Overview: Community Library Municipal Grant Program

Through a conversion of administrative funds and Broadband Infrastructure program funds, an additional $2.5 million was reallocated to the CLC Municipal Grant Program, with U.S. Treasury's approval, to enable investment in those municipalities that were not part of the CLC Municipal Grant Program subawards. This $2.5 million is designated for use by public libraries located in 20 Learn365RI municipalities. PRO is administering this round of CPF investment as the Community Library Municipal Grant (CLMG) program. This program used the same U.S. treasury-approved formula for allocating CPF funds as the CLC Municipal Grant program[k]. PRO has awarded grant funds to 19 libraries in 13 municipalities through the CLMG program.

The table below lists18 projects with construction start and end dates. **As of September 30, 2026, there are no projects that require additional monitoring beyond PRO's current reviews.** Projects that have reached substantial completion are highlighted in green.

[j] The renovation of the interior of the Union Free Library was completed on 1/27/2026. The end date shown in the table is for the completion of the outdoor project at the Union Free Library.

[k] The CPF CLC and CLMG funds were allocated to eligible municipalities using a U.S. Treasury approved formula based on municipal population and income. All municipalities that signed the Learn365RI compact were eligible to receive CPF funds through these grant programs.

TABLE 3: COMMUNITY LIBRARY PROJECT TIMELINES

Municipality	Project	Construction Start Date	Actual / Projected Construction End Date
Burrillville	Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library Roof Replacement	05/02/2024	08/08/2024
Cranston	Cranston Public Library - Auburn	07/01/2026	11/30/2026
Cranston	Cranston Public Library - Central	07/01/2026	11/30/2026
Cranston	Cranston Public Library - Knightsville	07/01/2026	10/30/2026
Cranston	Cranston Public Library - Oaklawn	07/01/2026	08/30/2026
Cranston	Cranston Public Library - William Hall	07/01/2026	10/30/2026
Exeter	Exeter Public Library	09/21/2026	10/31/2026
Little Compton	Brownell Library	07/15/2026	10/15/2026
Narragansett	Narragansett Library Roof	01/05/2026	05/05/2026
New Shoreham	New Shoreham Island Free Library	10/01/2024	03/01/2026
North Kingstown	North Kingstown Free Library	09/25/2024	12/18/2024
Pawtucket	Pawtucket Library Sprinklers	08/04/2023	05/01/2024
Scituate ^	Hope Library	06/09/2026	06/11/2026
Tiverton	Tiverton Public Library	09/23/2026	10/31/2026
Warwick	Warwick Public Library - Central	04/29/2024	06/29/2025
Warwick	Warwick Public Library - Conimicut	09/07/2023	09/15/2026
West Greenwich	Louttit Library	07/25/2026	08/31/2026
West Warwick	West Warwick Public Library	09/30/2026	11/30/2026

^ As of 9/30/2026, the Town of Scituate had a second subaward for the North Scituate Library; however, on 10/7/2026 the library retracted its acceptance of the subaward. Therefore, that project is not included in the table above.