



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**One Capitol Hill**  
**Providence, RI 02908-5890**

March 4, 2016

Mr. James Diossa, Mayor  
City of Central Falls  
580 Broad Street  
Central Falls, RI 02863

Dear Mayor Diossa:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the City of Central Falls has been preliminarily selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$255,000 from the Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Priority, this year, has been given to activities designed to improve or increase the supply of housing available to low and moderate income families. Among the excellent programs supported this year are development of affordable housing opportunities; job training/development programs assisting low-moderate income persons and various public facilities, social and community services agencies.

Approximately \$5 million is being awarded to 20 Rhode Island communities. The number and quality of applications received is indicative of the commitment Rhode Island cities and towns have to provide decent housing, expand economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in local neighborhoods.

Specifically, the City of Central Falls is being awarded a grant of \$255,000 for the following activities:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
City Parks Safety and Security <sup>1</sup>	\$77,000
Closing Cost Assistance	\$48,000
Home Ownership Program	\$25,000
Ready to Rent-Tenant Education Curriculum	\$55,000
Housing Rehabilitation Set Aside	\$0
Administration	\$50,000

Central Falls has been approved for use of the Housing Rehabilitation Set Aside. These funds are set aside from the State's annual CDBG allocation to fund housing rehabilitation projects in Rhode Island communities. When Central Falls has a locally approved Housing Rehabilitation application, it will then submit that application to the State for funding through the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Set Aside. Funds will be approved through the Housing Rehabilitation Set Aside on an application by application basis.

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<sup>1</sup> Higginson Park is not eligible to be included in the City Parks Safety and Security Program as it is a regional park. Please ensure that the project does not undertake activities in Higginson Park as those expenses will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Communities should begin the environmental review process for funded activities, including set asides. A copy of the environmental review checklist is enclosed with this letter. The state will generally not execute final agreements until local responsibilities relative to environmental review have been undertaken. The final grant award is subject to specific conditions/limitations to be detailed in the community contract agreement and/or communications from the Office of Housing and Community Development.

I wish you every success with your community development projects.

You may contact Melanie Jewett Army, AICP, Supervisor of Community Development, at 401-222-6183 if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "m. tondra".

Michael Tondra, Chief  
Office of Housing and Community Development  
Enclosure