



Providence wins HUD grant

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PROVIDENCE — Providence has been awarded a federal grant worth \$350,000, money that will go toward helping public housing residents enter the work force.

Democratic U.S. Sen. Jack Reed announced the grant yesterday, noting that the Providence Housing Authority will receive the money under the Resident Opportunities for Self Sufficiency program. The program provides funds for job training and support to help public housing residents move from welfare to work. Central Falls received \$210,260 in funding under the program.

“This federal funding will allow housing authorities in Providence and Central Falls to provide families and seniors in public housing with critical support services to help them achieve and maintain self-sufficiency,” Reed said.

“This program is geared towards helping people who want to help themselves,” he said.

The Providence Housing Authority received the program’s family and home ownership grant. The money will go directly to job training, job placement, education programs and college preparatory classes for public housing residents.

Providence has received similar grants in years past.

“The work that ROSS program coordinators do is invaluable. The educational, employment, and life-training skills they provide will help more Rhode Islanders live independently,” Reed said.

The money will be administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Reed is a member of the Senate Banking Committee, which oversees federal housing policy.

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