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Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

09-15

July 3, 2009

FAITH BASED AND COMMUNITY LIAISON DESIGNATION

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA") has created funding opportunities for communities hardest hit by the recent economic downturn;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a central liaison to facilitate the distribution of funds to worthy agencies;

WHEREAS, forty-two states have created a faith based and community liaison;

WHEREAS, a review board, under the supervision of the Rhode Island Office of Economic Recovery and Reinvestment ("OERR") determined that the Providence Plan has the capability to further the objectives of the State of Rhode Island;

WHEREAS, the Providence Plan will create awareness of funding opportunities amongst nonprofit groups while also supporting these nonprofit groups in the application process;

WHEREAS, the Providence Plan will provide high quality training and customized technical assistance to help nonprofits strengthen their management structure, develop new sources of funds, and create vibrant, healthy partnerships and will do so in a fair and transparent manner;

WHEREAS, the Providence Plan will build strong linkages between nonprofits and state agencies in ways that facilitate the delivery of services to Rhode Island residents, while improving the State's overall capacity to leverage faith based and community liaison ARRA resources and benefits in addition to other available federal funding;

WHEREAS, the Providence Plan will develop performance targets as appropriate and measure progress made on those targets in a timely manner;

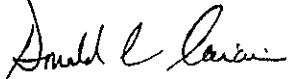
WHEREAS, the Providence Plan will provide all information and progress reports to OERR to ensure accountability and consistency of efforts; and

WHEREAS, establishing a liaison for the promotion of faith based and community projects demonstrates Rhode Island's commitment to improving its most vulnerable communities and therefore, facilitate further appropriation of federal funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD L. CARCIERI, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in accordance with the Rhode Constitution Article IX, and pursuant to the Executive Order 09-04, in conjunction with Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-6-5, do hereby order as follows:

1. The Providence Plan is designated as an authorized entity to serve as the intermediary in the support of the development of statewide collaborative efforts with faith based and community organizations for the provision of social services, including serving as the eligible applicant for the ARRA Strengthening Communities Fund – State, Local, and Tribal Government Capacity Building program (Funding Opportunity HHS-2009-ACF-SN-0092);
2. The Providence Plan will act as a facilitator to create awareness amongst the nonprofit community and work as a liaison between the State of Rhode Island and these parties;
3. The Providence Plan shall be responsible for complying with ARRA, and other state and federal economic stimulus legislation;
4. The Providence Plan shall work with OERR to identify opportunities in which the State of Rhode Island can collaborate with faith based and community organizations in the development and implementation of improvement projects;
5. The Providence Plan will provide information and reports upon request from OERR regarding any activity that relates to ARRA funding; and
6. This Executive Order shall expire on June 30, 2010.

So Ordered:



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Dated: 7/3/09