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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO THE HOUSING NETWORK: THE  
RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING DEVELOPERS, DBA  
HOUSING NETWORK OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Shallcross Smith, Casey, Alzate, Casimiro, Fellela, and  
Ajello

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: House Finance

1           WHEREAS, Rhode Island continues to face a significant housing crisis marked by rising  
2 housing costs, limited supply of affordable homes, increasing rates of homelessness, and growing  
3 pressure on the community development sector to meet expanding needs; and

4           WHEREAS, Strengthening the capacity of nonprofit housing developers, homeless  
5 service providers, and community-based organizations is essential to expanding housing  
6 production, improving system coordination, and ensuring public investments translate into stable  
7 housing outcomes for Rhode Islanders; and

8           WHEREAS, The Housing Network of Rhode Island supports nonprofit housing  
9 developers, homeless service providers, municipalities, state agencies, health and human service  
10 partners, and funders through strategic partnership development, shared planning, advocacy, and  
11 targeted capacity-building initiatives; and

12           WHEREAS, Enhanced collaboration, coordinated technical assistance, improved data  
13 sharing, and aligned funding and performance expectations are necessary to reduce  
14 fragmentation, minimize duplication, close service and housing gaps, and improve outcomes for  
15 Rhode Islanders experiencing housing instability and homelessness; and

16           WHEREAS, Enhanced collaboration, coordinated technical assistance, improved data  
17 sharing, and aligned funding and performance expectations are necessary to reduce  
18 fragmentation, minimize duplication, close service and housing gaps, and improve outcomes for  
19 Rhode Islanders experiencing housing instability and homelessness; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of money in the treasury not  
2 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2026-2027, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars  
3 (\$200,000) to the Housing Network of Rhode Island to assist its efforts to strengthen community  
4 development capacity, enhance coordination across the housing and homelessness response  
5 system, and improve housing outcomes statewide; and the state controller is hereby authorized  
6 and directed to draw their orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so  
7 much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated  
8 vouchers.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$ 200,000 to the Housing
- 2   Network of Rhode Island.

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