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**SENATOR CHAFEE ANNOUNCES GRANT FOR
DANCE EDUCATION**

*Festival Ballet to receive over \$89,000
For Education Outreach*

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has approved an Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Grant for the Festival Ballet of Providence.

“Festival Ballet is a very valuable member of the arts community in Rhode Island,” Chafee said. “I applaud HUD for recognizing the fine work that Festival is doing working with and enriching the lives of young dancers from across the state,” Chafee continued.

The \$89,415 grant will be used for education outreach at The Festival Ballet Providence Center for Dance Education. The Center is recognized throughout Rhode Island as the premier school for young and aspiring classical ballet dancers. It offers a direct route for young dancers entering the professional company, comprehensive dance training to hundreds of children (starting at age three), adults, and persons with disabilities. Young students learn responsibility, discipline, teamwork and an appreciation for the cultural arts.

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