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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$692,966 IN HUD GRANTS

Special Project Funds for Meeting Street School, International Institute and RI Community Food Bank

WASHINGTON, DC – U. S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has approved \$692,966 in Economic Development (EDI) Special Project Grants for three significant Rhode Island recipients.

“This money will go a long way toward promoting education, eliminating hunger in Rhode Island, and supporting members of our diverse immigrant community,” said Senator Chafee.

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank will use a \$357,660 grant to assist in relocating to its new warehouse facility on Niantic Avenue in Providence. Construction is underway on the move that will place the food bank closer to the people it serves.

Meeting Street School in East Providence will use a \$178,830 grant for construction of its National Center of Excellence in Providence. The expansion will allow the school to provide additional services and new programs to children with and without developmental disabilities and their families.

Finally, a \$156,476 EDI grant to the International Institute in Providence will be used to expand its International Charter School in Pawtucket. The facility will provide a variety of educational and community services for young and adult immigrants.

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