**Vaccine Mandate**

Governor McKee and RIDoH have announced their enforcement policy for the October 1 mandate deadline for RIDoH-licensed staff only. We haven't heard details about implementation, but the announcement is [**here**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt1WUqaeC8ExzUGYh7_AjMBTA53UqeHP9P2SlHdgyzzN4UyauVnRLaVy3xX5IkHXpbOKJCDoZBely4XTpW-8aVScM9Ga0g3wZOeD9H4zh_dfN4%3D%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611510791%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=kZv5pyYOkg8kIzzvC3K8p9qW%2BcjmdBQKkHLgY%2FXH7w8%3D&reserved=0) and the Projo coverage is [**here**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt1zlL4wcmXBkQ4c1VqcA9-xb-8XetvdbQSpup9TNx7FpLyh-e_J8mVeAGP9KUYiODmRuL5X6WA5qxeiwwU7kje-uKDmufsBy4Ln3tIhDrcKKLvS3ueGkTj-iTkK1LOJPVGqHuuWTVgsZsGZ3CdPXklKEEx70EIhO8S2EasFNhjIkkdhDUWimkhxJhtuOpnBuOciMpJ2P3tP2s2t0EFrW8_SueOVz--kRrKdcPSrOChE7zok8_lFb5oHDhS9OXQyopuKjnaATxZxV0%3D%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611520784%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7GRlm1mRjfch%2FGppRYf%2Bhrcbm9m0Voz2Z0YjXeIdkqE%3D&reserved=0)**.**

**The Work of Anti-Racism**

**RICCF Anti-Racism and Race Equity Committee**

Addressing racism and pursuing equity is critical to the work of RICCF. Please consider joining our committee as we begin to review data collected to date, plan for response to what we have learned so far, and make recommendations for the future. The Committee's work will include a focus on RICCF operations but also on policy issues at the state and federal levels. At the same time, existing RICCF Committees should consider how equity issues impact their areas of work as they develop goals and objectives for their work in the coming year.

**Focused Media**

**Ibram X Kendi, TED Talk "The difference between being not racist and anti-racist"** The link is [**here**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt1ofkTrU8KOn1NRHOLr-Yqa6LvpGWWKcS-TZkdGnPoGN4Bdahc3mu1A1G0EBu-lhHNe7qCJ1OKbH5aGnsExSmJGYdCypoevpCJN0ku6A5OSAmQ8EwiT3-ghsH0Wi-QeCepIVH1G92UHsHExE4KR3k5PhapnODon9q7hCGSkQgG7qm6t2mPwNQXKN5xSDzP6KCF%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611520784%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ZTJ2MpyQhgo2DISmjV%2FAI9aPBkFf2XHeqW9R0hZYmo8%3D&reserved=0)**.**

**Racial Disparities Blog Posting**

Economic Policy Institute published a blog post entitled, "We need a vaccine for false narratives about racial disparities". Black workers disproportionately experienced the darkest side of 2020, both in terms of health and labor market outcomes—a reality that was not unexpected.Taking statistics with a dose of history and context will bolster economic and racial justice for Black workers. In today’s heightened public awareness of racial inequalities, the ways we talk about racial economic disparities shape the solutions we develop for those disparities—and whether we consider disparities as problems worth solving at all. to read more [**click here.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt1-UWDXHFqII09JT4MB66e0OWCBIjk2DYyIzrV2FbVqJcCKs-_onBHKNl9NVvRdp7ny_6d4mMrcZnHYhTbACcZNTS7D4q4l4CavsRhNo4WhcLIDhBPd63VHxOrelqsIxn3HTst2BNYIvtq9Rn2kaG51Wf5P0D0QIXlN5jTqjy3A55Mdd4B8538HhzCzq4-g5OAbasiT0B0aeSTNjkSD3gI7Fp5Zl-5CdO7qVW1Zwi4ZlS0tlz8_zRfX89B5VjiUl6nsnpvPCY0ta2fqdAKUZAAJmKHRBwkGUgEMAAnqon9j819AiKzrwse6VzA9Fm6g078ifkGAS0di53NdJ2WsQYnbkn3lLd0HdPsZuomi6_zzs1NGxHmeO5lc7MkOgoEqlCB-CZx2_vt9Cch0VBOmOg9BpI5u-ItrbkdnMg-ck-TgfAQkp1OymCdOgYbWwK-tdGQ7es1y6DRHMdtpG2R6gQSaSE-oA52_VUGm4CsXsaSF4NFqa1wkvcSL5S1m32BFFWtd6bNSoLTXcnJROGs18AynfWwHwuYSsWP63cXF_jvxrZqJ2aYCRVIjR5ng3BoqhjzSrRJQvEetFXzJYWgtgZeCGIhRg77YTJxXHXZssB7d54%3D%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611530776%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Uh8ktjw7JzKj7kN9xzrq0BiksF%2BVIrX8y1Ghgb38URA%3D&reserved=0)

**Federal Government**

**The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS**), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced on September 10th, is making $**25.5 billion** in new funding available for health care providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding includes $8.5 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) resources for providers who serve rural Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or Medicare patients, and an additional $17 billion for Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Phase 4 for a broad range of providers who can document revenue loss and expenses associated with the pandemic. [**Read full text**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt1o5H_WskxVsSPrW_36pHfAmCecdv0UVE9GDEaJMb2JPXf9XTPkVW-xbNfqOKaPE5VBCIb3HyJkzSUuwVaucWIguq9qH2hIvk265K6OlIofFCq9VcZQzjRjcLoNMVp9PoXtyzkyEsQlQNZkT8cxfAQd9uSKslGMzgzEPtsTiCzruDm43pT53Dc0fxeFm81UypxEfF62E8FQoX6oJyoIxvTp0i-RFvis4mdNaQqepOEpMU%3D%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611540770%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wcgtg4tpTa2rlkZAcf3Isgfptpz8OhQhto80%2FpXT4Yk%3D&reserved=0). More information will be shared as available.

**State Government**

**DCYF**

**Monthly Dashboard**

The DCYF Monthly Dashboard for September can be accessed her. To view click[**here.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt1M4-2ncbJcK2hCRoaJGEB9FYT3xOfwQZ-l_M3Xyg-uMK9RVB7eLAD4GoOdoV3IOjmLXDk49lz3Vwm_5x-10tLISrS2VHiujx4l57hEK7kIHlAW1cfHhQqiQijssrQGiVBFgPcn20d5RvN31cqHXtI_R6QUV45e6U0453TVzt-ekA%3D%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611540770%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qxrvYVZAux0BoQZnPhrRJN1bmxqsxIAogsNgP6ANpKk%3D&reserved=0)

**RI Department of Education**

The R.I. Department of Education, partnering with the R.I. Department of Children, Youth and Families, announced Friday that it has received a $9 million federal Project Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education grant to expand youth mental health services in the Cranston, West Warwick and Westerly school districts. RIDE said Project AWARE’s purpose is to increase awareness of mental health issues among school-aged youth, as well as provide school personnel training to detect mental health issues and connect affected families to needed services. [**Full text article here**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt1yj10DCFepYMXASSYq8eHYIK6XJk-k4rdGlGgR1U7q95p1TLTzvDQdmkFG-hWrm76ZaWyXAVGxVKFqmls9q7Z1R2vo5QkP6Exu4uvr7ExNhkJff72qEcAuIKqMNv7qhiTQ_23BMQclTfpr0gn2XvuhqYDlNO5sbAOqAsZmO_sZXA%3D%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611550767%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=bFGPgLE8k2UrFnPEjtLQDT3qXZR66SuvisbewzkZp98%3D&reserved=0)[**.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt1yj10DCFepYMXASSYq8eHYIK6XJk-k4rdGlGgR1U7q95p1TLTzvDQdmkFG-hWrm76ZaWyXAVGxVKFqmls9q7Z1R2vo5QkP6Exu4uvr7ExNhkJff72qEcAuIKqMNv7qhiTQ_23BMQclTfpr0gn2XvuhqYDlNO5sbAOqAsZmO_sZXA%3D%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611560762%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=EPQkUJBvZzUFesiuFsyEMXn3BNoDVyf63q%2F5iu2Lm%2F0%3D&reserved=0)

**OHIC**

OHIC Commissioner Patrick Tigue attended the September meeting of the RICCF-SUMHLC Children's Behavioral Health Committee on Friday, September 17th.

He shared two Power Point Presentations. [**Next Generations Affordability Standards Concept 6.1.2021 a**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt16fQToQAV3-kwxt1xxc5JlyayeZZvy-WfX2NZFek_RLmUiOvmrjPfcI1xWVSoWZr11pF2qjYllIbUwf0trH0kVnG8ugmHRcPoseUJX4Ld4jFvX0EZOIkd3r001yP04cgSn53GjwCkW5DQ2k0zt3aalwyeQJ8AcyCg6k4dRHivhGw%3D%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611570755%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=mvAaPGqnp9fADrJe8RhQE382pnVlYOJW%2B5XlTtbe%2B4o%3D&reserved=0)nd [**Behavioral Health Policy Reform and Regulatory Enformcement Agenda 7.15.21.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt14H6-aBKDBxYjVJ1Gkw94_IqERrRhq7W66p9HzZ_IVIpOA7YeXBsbqkk6NdspAstsESV_HvS0GUTYLg8P5BL4m-PQOKVkmOLzgoFG7R7cK8pfm6D01F3UneP9BZqa-qBM6uoBJ99ZvFtEPbxnCfetppO9c3mDtUY6WqbU1zU-1lk%3D%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611570755%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=I2cBsO7rNV%2F32eT9bbeCQBMtzLL5T4%2Fz5hxqas9RUhA%3D&reserved=0)

**General Assembly**

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

**The House of Representatives ARPA Commi**ttee and the Senate Finance Committee had their first meeting this week to review the rules and opportunities of ARPA funds. No testimony was taken.

**Sign on Letter**

RICCF and members of nearly 70 additional provider and advocacy organizations, including 27 RICCF members, have signed onto a cross-sector advocacy letter urging the General Assembly and Governor to commit 100M in ARPA funds for wages and rates for the home and community-based sector service children, youth, adults, and elders. A letter and press announcement will be released on September 23, after which members have the opportunity to follow up and forward the letter to their own General Assembly members whether or not they had the opportunity to sign on. More information to follow.

**RI Kids Count**

The Kids Count 2021 Legislative Wrap-Up is [**here**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt1Y9V0iUFVFFi5G_t2cg956qQMaU2D3YnABItK96ZptlxVmUb1-iwIcuFGCnemcIjteiKWjZL30acxap0WaVWYEHrZeE84GwT7LMbFQzbhRSDfgISqbWqpVJqi-GNxkjglX0La6bT8I9N5NlzlzkbaSONAOr_nUebDzdAIyqXIi9s%3D%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611580750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2vfD7lmN1L2dPxH3W1wvDG%2Faf0L7MHmVCbPpQQztfuE%3D&reserved=0) legislative victories for children and summarizes selected laws and budget appropriations in the areas of economic well-being, early learning and development, education, health, and safety that were considered during the 2021 session of the Rhode Island General Assembly.

**Other ARPA**

**City of Providence**

A survey is being conducted with residents and employers/employees to comment on spending of city- and district-based ARPA funds [**here**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt1zNR0sAJDFU92gOBJG6ktDuX_eJgap9_yozVk8snLUq1xsv281hlXfYeL16g1DYXoAqWTKKOkRkWmwGlU_xoIl1FhiwahR8Lo%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611580750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vePBnb8tcnSTKEcYEbp%2BIV5b2YtkpeHRLocM1rSwkOA%3D&reserved=0). An application for proposal by organizations for use of City ARPA funds is [**here**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt1evmsENoYuO80l-ecVZiDgrBkYBolMelQAcrK2ftiVGYQFvDj2bdpyfx2ysr6ENryo9LM-xl8jasitPRCY3fUnsfjudxPC6fA%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611590743%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=uCz7mkUm43AXLxSLgZt4aJ36n90t6LCKhdV5GkrnEXs%3D&reserved=0).

**Housing Recommendations**

Housing advocates including HOMES RI have joined together to make recommendations on the use of ARPA funds. The recommendations are [**here**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt108wAGmxfPO3r0aMoU5zhHSXN04j3ycCbysD4JLd2Ik5ScLnE9eMlcn5wA6Jjnc6G-wKrBu1GOdwVp3MPG4UsqL68mM1UjF4coI9_Zcb-LwHoBuVh5Xo5IQKoXYQBjvNmFaf1QtWnzvbeba0T7Z_DIrV6Gx7T-dpgFwdaUexAeLg%3D%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611600739%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=K5w81V5nsdPy6wm7%2F1hnx3K%2B8Kv%2FJIojuDlkGdFNaCg%3D&reserved=0).

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**Providence Business News (PBN)**

**Under R.I. equity measure, firms may need wage audit -** Rhode Island’s new pay equity law is still more than a year away from taking effect, but Ocean State businesses should be taking steps to ensure they can meet the requirements, or they may face lawsuits, penalties and fines, local labor lawyers say. Legislation passed by the General Assembly and signed by Gov. Daniel J. McKee on Aug. 4 amends the existing equal pay law so that all businesses must pay equal wages in most cases for “comparable work,” regardless of an employee’s gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or other potentially discriminatory factors. Click on [**PDF**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001-kTJoBAi5h9UBsCy8RyzCpq2U8zKtrLePTeeuXGnoPUf27zm93WBBHZUaUJI8qt1d0UvmBuxDt9sP9oT4ULxci7EejOsTjyIsCZBCSibE7cEnfLcc6qram8zyFVM8zChDR-hsEA3uBu3USnBKWq2sg3GyFCNNq-5ilq33jvUuY59y3V3XlkbZRBiomtDYY7DY7UC44ttlQZdlRK7B9M_ySJhsv-Ni4HV6NPvZkjlG3c%3D%26c%3DR8h6F1QXk2OuVegzQIaXT0MrBcefAWTE2E3oRtfYmRnHdKR97FVaaA%3D%3D%26ch%3DrfPlSkf9XhwCbum6b-JHufCsh2l2AWUTQhCBoReBAizfjMqBSheeAw%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cngentile%40jri.org%7Cbef01fbfff544b0b520108d97e89ccd6%7C80ea9c56e4584524b92a86fbf50c7a9c%7C0%7C0%7C637679952611600739%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5Mml47PqBiJmO05t4dUSk1jlx5TedZkJ9cbhXqygCR0%3D&reserved=0)to read entire article.