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Reed and Whitehouse Announce \$200K Grant for New Roots Providence
Funds will Provide RI Nonprofits with Additional Training and Technical Assistance

Washington, DC – U.S. Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse today announced that New Roots Providence received a \$200,000 Nonprofit Capacity Building Program grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). This new federal grant will provide New Roots Providence with additional technical support and training to help nonprofits across the state become as efficient as possible.

“We applaud New Roots Providence for successfully competing for this grant,” said Reed and Whitehouse. “This federal funding will allow New Roots Providence to help nonprofits throughout Rhode Island gain access to the assistance they need to operate to their full potential and deliver services to address pressing challenges.”

“Nonprofits provide critical services for our residents - especially in educating and supporting people as they look for jobs and get back to work. And nonprofits are a crucial part of Rhode Island's economy, employing tens of thousands of people. New Roots is excited about the opportunity to carry out this important project, building the skills of nonprofit leaders in managing and evaluating their programs. Evaluation is key to helping nonprofits and the communities they serve grow, strengthen, and thrive. A healthy nonprofit sector is part of a healthy economy and a vibrant state,” said Marti Rosenberg, Director at New Roots Providence.

New Roots Providence, a part of The Providence Plan, is Rhode Island’s largest capacity-building intermediary for nonprofits. The organization works to improve life for Rhode Islanders by providing training, financial assistance, and technical assistance to faith based and community organizations. Since 2005, New Roots has provided training to 522 nonprofits, technical assistance to 144 organizations, and \$1.2 million in grants.

Many small and midsize nonprofit organizations experience difficulties trying to sustain and expand services. The assistance provided by organizations like New Roots Providence can help ensure the continuation of much-needed services in local communities. CNCS’s Nonprofit Capacity Building Program was created to address these issues and help build the capacity of small and midsize nonprofits to better deliver and demonstrate results.

CNCS is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs.

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