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Cranston Panhandling Ordinance Charges Dismissed

The cases against the advocates charged in Cranston in 2017 regarding a panhandling ban will be officially dismissed. [Read more here.](#)

A brief recount of Cranston's anti-panhandling ordinances:

2015:

- Cranston passed an ordinance to stop people from standing on city streets to ask for money from the occupants of motor vehicles
- ACLU challenged ordinance; Cranston agreed to settle & stop enforcement

2017:

- Cranston passed a similar ordinance to "ensure safety on city streets"
- Six advocates occupied a busy intersection during rush hour to distribute flyers and panhandle; they got \$85 tickets for engaging in "roadway solicitation."
- ACLU challenged ordinance; the case was settled in April, when a federal judge declared the ordinance unconstitutional and barring the city from enforcing it.

How the CDC Eviction Moratorium Effects RI

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a new eviction moratorium at the beginning of August. The moratorium will, "halt evictions in counties with heightened levels of community transmission in order to respond to recent, unexpected developments in the trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the rise of the Delta variant."

Moratorium until October 3, 2021.

[CDC Data Tracker:](#) counties with high or substantial rates of COVID are protected under the moratorium.

RI Has \$1.5B In American Rescue Plan Money: How will we spend it?

The Public's Radio political reporter Ian Donniss joins our Antonia Ayres-Brown to discuss where things go from here and just who will decide how the state gets to use all this money.

Read or listen to the interview [here.](#)

View the [ARPA flow chart](#) created by the Economic Progress Institute

2021 Point in Time Count Data Available!

January 2021 point in time count data is officially available and live on the Coalition's website.

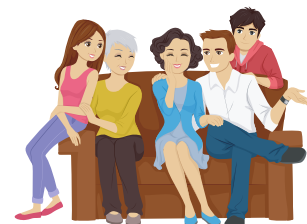
Visit rihomeless.org/point-in-time for the full data visualization.



Total Persons: 1,267



Young Adults: 97



Persons in Families: 474