

# GET INVOLVED

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## SEEK HELP: #RentReliefRI

New Statewide Rental & Utility Assistance Program -- [Apply Now](#) !

Thanks to new federal aid, Rhode Island renters struggling to cover rent and utility payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic may qualify for up to 12 months of emergency assistance

The program can pay for rent and utilities owed back to April 1, 2020 and can also cover up to three months of upcoming rent.

Visit [www.RentReliefRI.com](http://www.RentReliefRI.com) for more information, to find out if this program is right for you and to apply for relief today.

[English FAQ](#) - [Spanish FAQ](#)

## ADVOCATE: Pay for Success

The Rhode Island Pay for Success Act will bring 125 Permanent Supportive Housing vouchers to RI, and we have already received the federal funding from the Department of Housing & Urban Development, but we need the support of the General Assembly!

Help us house 125 neighbors - [share your support with your elected officials through our petition.](#)

The Pay for Success Act will provide the best possible path for our neighbors in need to find stable housing and rebuild their lives.

Questions? Contact Kristina Contreras Fox (she/her/ella): [kristina@rihomeless.org](mailto:kristina@rihomeless.org)

## ENGAGE: Shall Not Be Denied

The Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless, in conjunction with The Rhode Island Council for the Humanities, and Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea, with the help of [XIX Shall Not Be Denied](#) - is proud to present;

"Blocked at the Ballot" a webcast event and lively discussion about voting access in the unsheltered community--available on [Youtube](#) & [Facebook](#).

"Youth & Civic Engagement" on Monday, May 5 at 4:30pm EST the Youth In Action board will be hosting a webcast event on voting access for youth experiencing homelessness.

This will be a youth-centric workshop on access to civic engagement and the barriers to voting for youth experiencing homelessness. You can join in on [Youtube](#) & [Facebook](#).

## DONATE: Coffee for Your Neighbor

Buy a coffee for your neighbor! We all have that creature comfort that can turn our day around for the better. (Mine is a nice bar of dark chocolate!)

You can make a difference right now by providing an everyday comfort to individuals experiencing homelessness. #SendCoffee and some comfort by supporting this campaign.

Text "[SendCoffeeRI](#)" to (202) 858-1233 to donate right from your phone. **Donate online here:** [www.givebutter.com/sendacoffee](http://www.givebutter.com/sendacoffee)