

## American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Fund Recommendation Cover Sheet

Please submit this document with any recommendations for funding from Rhode Island's allocation of federal fiscal recovery funds available through the American Rescue Plan Act. This information will be made available to the public along with any detailed documents submitted that describe the proposal. It is encouraged that such documents identify clear goals and objectives and quantifiable metrics.

**This is not a formal request for funds, and submission of recommendations does not guarantee a response, public hearing, or appropriation from the General Assembly.**

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Brief Project Description (attachments should contain details)

To help mitigate a fraction of the pandemic losses affected by assisted living industry and provide current relief for continuing and increasing direct costs including, but not limited to, testing, medical equipment, enhanced cleaning, insurance, and labor costs.

Total request: \$25 million

One-time or Recurring Expense? One-time

ARPA Eligibility Category (check all that apply) – See link for further information

<https://www.rilegislature.gov/commissions/arpa/commdocs/Treasury%20-%20Quick-Reference-Guide.pdf>

- Respond to the public health emergency and its economic impacts   X
- Premium pay to eligible workers   X
- Government services/state revenue replacement \_\_\_\_\_
- Water/sewer/broadband infrastructure \_\_\_\_\_



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The Rhode Island Assisted Living Association (RIALA) would like to make you aware of the severe financial losses still being sustained by the assisted living industry in Rhode Island due to COVID-19. RIALA represents 65 facilities, providing care for nearly five thousand residents.

Our communities employ a total of five thousand direct and indirect staff members.

Our national trade association, Argentum, estimates that through the first quarter of 2021, our members have **lost more than \$93 million dollars**. This figure continues to grow on a daily basis. This number is based on an estimated loss of \$16,381 per resident (This information was gathered from a representative sampling of our members). In addition, it takes into account additional direct costs including, but not limited to, testing, acquisition of PPE, medical equipment, enhanced cleaning, environmental sanitation costs, increased labor costs, increased insurance costs, and disposable food service supplies.

To date, our facilities have received just over \$1.9 million in provider relief funds. This is a mere 2% of the total uncompensated losses noted above.

It is well known that Rhode Island's senior population was hardest hit by this pandemic. More than half of our facilities are operating at a loss. The losses faced by our senior living providers are long-term, compounding and unsustainable.

On behalf of the thousands of vulnerable older Rhode Islanders who we can for each and every day, we strongly urge you to make a generous allocation from the American Rescue Plan to Rhode Island's senior living providers and our residents who are most in need.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

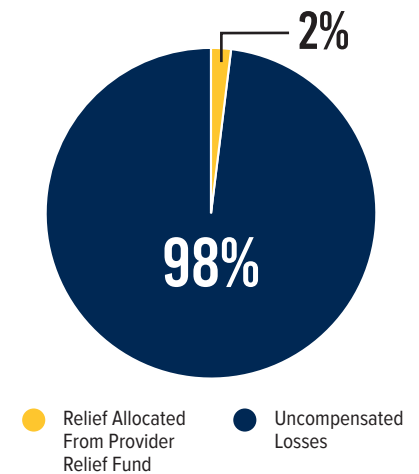
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David M. Bodah  
Executive Director

# COVID-19 IMPACT ON SENIOR LIVING PROVIDERS IN RHODE ISLAND

VULNERABLE SENIORS SERVED	4,778
NUMBER OF FACILITIES	64
FACILITIES OPERATING AT LOSS (EST.)	36
JOBS SUPPORTED (DIRECTLY/INDIRECTLY)	2,900 / 2,100
COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT (UPDATE EST. 2020 & Q1/2 2021)	-\$93,389,278
PROVIDER RELIEF ALLOCATED (EST.)	\$1,921,237
UNCOMPENSATED LOSSES (EST.)	-\$91,468,041

## RELIEF ALLOCATED TO OFFSET COVID-19 EXPENSES/LOSSES



Senior living providers in **RHODE ISLAND** care for vulnerable older adults in assisted living, memory/Alzheimer's care, and other senior congregate care settings.



The average age in senior living is 85, most residents suffer from multiple comorbidities, and need assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, eating, or toileting—services which cannot be socially distanced.

Providers have incurred significant expenses from procuring gowns, gloves, masks and other infection prevention and control supplies, or lost revenue due to record-low occupancy rates—losses which are long-term, compounding, and unsustainable.

## COVID-19 IMPACT AMOUNTS TO \$16,381 PER RESIDENT

	# OF SENIORS PER FACILITY	TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES PER FACILITY
SMALLEST FACILITIES (UNDER 35 RESIDENTS)	25	\$409,525.00
	30	\$491,430.00
	35	\$573,335.00
MEDIUM SIZE FACILITIES	100	\$1,638,100.00
	125	\$2,047,625.00
	150	\$2,457,150.00
LARGEST FACILITIES	200	\$3,276,200.00
	225	\$3,685,725.00
	250	\$4,095,250.00

*Data is representative of senior living communities with 25+ residents across assisted living, memory care, and independent living facilities. COVID-19 financial impact data is based on a representative national sample. Estimates are based on a per resident impact by state for 2020 and Q1/Q2 estimates for 2021. Provider Relief Fund estimate is based on percentage of COVID-19 cases per state against "GAO Summary of PRF Allocations" as of 12/31/20.*