



9th April 2026
Honorable Senator Louis P. DiPalma
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
82 Smith Street, Senate Lounge
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman DiPalma,

On behalf of OpenDoors, I am writing to express our strong support for Rhode Island's Pay for Success Permanent Supportive Housing Program as included in the Governor's recommended budget.

As a provider working directly with individuals who are justice-involved and experiencing homelessness, OpenDoors sees firsthand the impact of supportive housing paired with intensive case management. The Pay for Success model represents a fiscally responsible, outcome-driven approach that not only improves housing stability, but also reduces reliance on costly emergency systems such as shelters, hospitals, and incarceration.

Through our work, we have seen that individuals who cycle through these systems often face complex barriers, including behavioral health needs, lack of stable income, and limited access to long-term housing. Programs like Pay for Success create a structured pathway to stability by combining housing with the services necessary to sustain it. This approach leads to improved individual outcomes while also generating cost savings for the state.

The fiscal case for continued investment is clear. Preventable use of emergency rooms, shelters, and correctional facilities places a significant burden on public resources, whereas permanent supportive housing offers a more effective and humane solution. Continued investment in Pay for Success ensures that Rhode Island can sustain and expand a model that is already demonstrating measurable success.

We respectfully urge you to support the continued funding of the Pay for Success Program. Investing in permanent supportive housing is one of the most impactful strategies to reduce homelessness, improve public health outcomes, and strengthen community stability across Rhode Island.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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