

RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION

AGENDA

April 28, 2025

Call to order and opening remarks.

Tab 1: To consider for approval meeting minutes.

Tab 2: To consider approval of Innovation Vouchers.*

Tab 3: To consider the selection of a vendor for manufacturing sector mapping services.*

Tab 4: To consider the selection of consultants for on-call, real estate and economic impact analysis services.*

Tab 5: To consider awards under the Blue Youth Program component of the Pathways in Technology Early College High School Program.*

Tab 6: To consider a grant under the RI Rebounds Placemaking Program.*

Tab 7: To receive an update on the RI Rebounds program.

*Board members may convene in Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(7) to consider this Agenda item.

TAB 1

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION

April 28, 2025

APPROVED

VOTED: To approve the public session meeting minutes for the February 24, 2025 meeting as presented to the Board.

RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION
MEETING OF DIRECTORS
PUBLIC SESSION
February 24, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (the “Corporation”) met on February 24, 2025, in Public Session, beginning at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to the public notice of meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, as required by applicable Rhode Island law.

The following Directors were present and participated throughout the meeting as indicated: Liz Catucci, David Chenevert, Patrick Crowley, Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier, An T. Le, Donna Sams, Michael Solomon, William Tsonos, and Karl Wadensten.

Directors absent were: Governor Daniel J. McKee, Erin Donovan-Boyle, Carol O’Donnell, and Bill Stone.

Also present were: Elizabeth M. Tanner, Esq., Secretary of Commerce; and Christopher J. Fragomeni, Esq.

A video recording of this meeting is available [here](#).

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS.**

Ms. Catucci called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m., indicating that a quorum was present.

2. **TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL MEETING MINUTES.**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Crowley and seconded by Mr. Chenevert, the following vote was adopted:

VOTED: To approve the public session and executive session meeting minutes for the January 27, 2025 meeting as presented to the Board.

Voting in favor of the foregoing were: Liz Catucci, David Chenevert, Patrick Crowley, Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier, An T. Le, Donna Sams, Michael Solomon, William Tsonos, and Karl Wadensten.

Voting against the foregoing were none.

3. **TO RECEIVE A TOURISM UPDATE.**

Anika Kimble-Huntley, the Corporation’s Chief Marketing Officer, and Mark Brodeur, the Corporation’s Associate Vice President of Tourism Marketing, presented the PowerPoint presentation attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

4. **TO CONSIDER THE AWARD OF TAX CREDITS TO MANTON DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS LLC UNDER THE REBUILD RHODE ISLAND TAX CREDIT ACT.**

Jeff Miller, the Corporation's Executive Vice President of Investments, provided an overview of Manton Development Partners, LLC's ("Manton") proposed conversion of the former St. Teresa's church into twenty-six apartment units, twenty percent of which will be allocated to workforce housing. Mr. Miller informed the Board that Manton has already received a Tax Stabilization Agreement from the City of Providence, and that the Corporation has previously provided two grants to Manton: a renewable energy fun grant for solar panel installation and a grant under the Corporation's Site Readiness Program. He explained that the proposed award is \$500,000 in Rebuild Rhode Island tax credits, noting that the project can commence immediately upon approval, with an expected completion date within twelve months.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Crowley and seconded by Ms. Sams, the following vote was adopted:

VOTED: To approve the award of tax credits to Manton Development Partners, LLC under the Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit Act pursuant to the resolution submitted to the Board.

Voting in favor of the foregoing were: Liz Catucci, David Chenevert, Patrick Crowley, Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier, An T. Le, Donna Sams, Michael Solomon, William Tsonos, and Karl Wadensten.

Voting against the foregoing were none.

A copy of the resolution is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

5. **TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RHODE ISLAND VENTURE CAPITAL FUND ("FUND") AND THE ENGAGEMENT OF A MANAGER FOR THE FUND.**

Neil Martin, the Corporation's Managing Director of Financial Programs, requested that the Board approve the engagement of Rogue Venture Partners ("Rogue") to serve as the fund manager of the Rhode Island Venture Capital Fund ("Fund"). Mr. Martin explained that the Fund is designed to invest in early-stage companies, providing a maximum of \$250,000 per company. He indicated that each investment will be matched at least once by private capital. He explained that the target companies will be Rhode Island-based small businesses that are less than five years old, have less than \$1 million in annual revenue, and have minimal or no equity capitalization.

Mr. Martin explained that the Corporation conducted a Request for Proposal ("RFP"), received three proposals, and scored and evaluated those proposals. After evaluation of the proposals, he noted that Rogue scored the highest. He also noted the Corporation's previous partnership with Rogue through the State Small Business Credit Initiative ("SSBCI") venture capital fund.

In response to questions from Ms. Sams, Mr. Martin clarified that the two other applicants were Slater Technology Fund and Cherrystone Angel Group and that success metrics for the program would be developed during the contracting phase. In response to another question from Ms. Sams, Tom Sperry, Rogue's Managing Partner, explained that the metrics would vary depending on the specific partners involved, taking into account factors such as the return of capital, job creation, and the ability to leverage different markets.

Mr. Chenevert emphasized the importance of metrics when selecting an organization to work with. He expressed hope that the metrics would lead to a good return on investment. Mr. Sperry spoke about Deepa Krishnamurthy, CEO of Enterprisers, a company dedicated to growing small to medium-sized manufacturers. He explained that Rogue was able to invest in Enterprisers through the SSBCI fund, resulting in a successful investment.

Ms. Sams expressed concern about the approval of funds for small businesses without seeing and measuring results, such as company growth, job creation, and revenue increases. She emphasized that the Board should ensure that these businesses are progressing. In response, Mr. Sperry explained that Rogue's role is to both invest in entrepreneurs and businesses, but also to help the companies grow, which is where the real work begins. Mr. Wadensten added that the more the Board collaborates with experts like Mr. Sperry, the more access it will have to global banks and international markets, which can help facilitate company growth. Mr. Chenevert also highlighted that the Rhode Island Manufacturers Association has been working with Enterprisers for over two years, creating a program based on data, and praised Ms. Krishnamurthy for her thoroughness and ambition. Mr. Chenevert concurred with Ms. Sams' statements, noting that these small businesses require both assistance and guidance from the Board. In response to a question from Mr. Tsonos, Mr. Sperry explained that Rogue could make from ten to thirty investments, depending on the size of the companies, over the next twelve to fourteen months. Following an inquiry from Mr. Chenevert, Mr. Sperry confirmed that Rogue would provide quarterly reports to the Corporation.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Chenevert and seconded by Mr. Tsonos, the following vote was adopted:

VOTED: To approve the establishment of the Rhode Island Venture Capital Fund ("Fund") and the engagement of a manager for the Fund pursuant to the resolution submitted to the Board.

Voting in favor of the foregoing were: Liz Catucci, David Chenevert, Patrick Crowley, Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier, An T. Le, Donna Sams, Michael Solomon, William Tsonos, and Karl Wadensten.

Voting against the foregoing were none.

A copy of the resolution is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

6. **TO CONSIDER THE SELECTION OF VENDORS FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH THE FEDERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND.**

Daniela Fairchild, the Corporation’s Chief Strategy Officer, requested the Board’s authorization to award a contract to Verizon New England (“Verizon”) totaling approximately \$4.6 million. This funding, she stated, would support broadband infrastructure development in two project areas in Portsmouth and Tiverton. She noted that the State had allocated \$25 million in the Capital Projects Fund (“CPF”) for last-mile broadband infrastructure projects, and to date, the Board has approved \$19 million of this funding for projects across ten project areas in Rhode Island. Ms. Fairchild explained that approving this award would bring about \$70,000 remaining in CPF funding. Therefore, she stated, the Corporation is seeking additional approval to negotiate with Verizon to utilize the remaining funds for eligible last-mile infrastructure projects as part of Verizon’s agreements. She emphasized that the funds must be used, and the infrastructure must be in place, by December 31, 2026. Additionally, Ms. Fairchild highlighted that Verizon scored the highest for both project areas, with a competing bid from a local startup broadband provider. Verizon’s proposal, she stated, included over \$10 million in matching funds for these two project areas.

Regarding the CPF program, Ms. Fairchild explained that the Corporation has not yet established output metrics, as it is still in the early stages of infrastructure development. However, she stated that if this proposal is approved, the program will support over 1,600 locations. Additionally, the Corporation has a required metric from U.S. Treasury to serve 6,700 locations, but are going to be able to serve more than 16,000 locations, largely due to the high matching contributions from the vendors. In total, Verizon and GoNetspeed will bring in over \$27.6 million in matching funds for CPF broadband projects. If the proposal moves forward, Verizon will receive \$14 million of the vendor allocation of State CPF funds, and GoNetspeed will receive \$9 million.

In response to a question from Dr. Dann-Messier, Ms. Fairchild clarified that due to the scale of the infrastructure project and the large number of project areas involved with Verizon, the Corporation is reserving the remaining \$70,000 in case of any unforeseen issues, such as right-of-way challenges or additional needs. Stephanie Lee, a government affairs representative for Verizon, added that Rhode Island is a key market for Verizon, with a long-standing commitment to providing services to the state. She emphasized that this project represents an opportunity to accelerate Verizon’s investment, expand broadband access to unserved and underserved areas, and bring high-speed services to new communities.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Crowley and seconded by Mr. Chenevert, the following vote was adopted:

VOTED: To approve the selection of vendors for broadband infrastructure projects funded through the federal Capital Projects Fund pursuant to the resolution submitted to the Board.

Voting in favor of the foregoing were: Liz Catucci, David Chenevert, Patrick Crowley, Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier, An T. Le, Donna Sams, Michael Solomon, William Tsonos, and Karl Wadensten.

Voting against the foregoing were none.

A copy of the resolution is attached hereto as **Exhibit E**.

There being no further business in public session, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:05 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Crowley and seconded by Mr. Wadensten.

Christopher J. Fragomeni, Secretary

FEBRUARY 24, 2025 PUBLIC SESSION MEETING MINUTES

EXHIBIT A

RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION
PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (“Corporation”) will be held on **February 24, 2025** beginning at **5:00 p.m.** at the offices of the Corporation, 315 Iron Horse Way, #101, Providence, Rhode Island. A live video of the meeting will be available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@commerceri/live>

The meeting will be held for the following purposes:

1. To consider for approval meeting minutes.
2. To consider the award of tax credits to Manton Development Partners LLC under the Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit Act.*

Manton Development Partners LLC will undertake the redevelopment of 265 Manton Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, creating twenty-six residential units. The project cost for the redevelopment is approximately \$7.5 million.

3. To consider the establishment of the Rhode Island Venture Capital Fund (“Fund”) and the engagement of a manager for the Fund.
4. To consider the selection of vendors for broadband infrastructure projects funded through the federal Capital Projects Fund.*
5. To receive a tourism update.

*Board members may convene in Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(7) to consider this Agenda item.

This notice shall be posted at the office of the Corporation, at the State House, and by electronic filing with the Secretary of State’s Office.

Savage Law Partners, LLP,
Counsel to the Corporation

The location is accessible to the handicapped. Those requiring interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation at 278-9100 forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting. Also, for the hearing impaired, assisted listening devices are available onsite, without notice, at this location.

Dated: February 20, 2025.

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EXHIBIT B



Rhode Island Tourism Development Roadmap

—
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Team Tourism Roadmap Goals

Rhode Island Tourism 2023 Economic Impact

- 28.4 million visitors
- \$8.3 billion economic impact
- 86,600+ jobs supported
- \$935 million in state/local tax revenue

Goal

The Roadmap focuses on three key objectives:

1. Strengthening Rhode Island's core tourism offerings.
2. Aligning tourism initiatives with state-wide development plans (RI 2030 and Ocean State Accelerates).
3. Securing the state's future as a sustainable destination.

This plan establishes the fundamental framework for infrastructure, partnerships, promotions, and policies needed to drive tourism growth.



Roadmap Inputs & Stakeholders



PRODUCT INVENTORY

Assessment of the State's physical assets and current visitor experience options



STAKEHOLDER INPUT

Real-time discussions with more than 70 key stakeholders who lead or benefit from tourism promotion efforts; and feedback from industry partners via an online survey



PERFORMANCE DATA

Data and research compiled by Commerce



COMP SET DATA

Industry available data on changes in travel behavior and a high-level comparison of each travel region against a defined comparative set



CONSUMER DATA

Visitor profile and market perception studies; resident online poll (with 475 respondents)



POLICIES

Review of State and local level policies that affect the travel and hospitality industry and the infrastructure available to visitors



RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission



Strategic Framework

Four Key Imperatives

1. Enhance & Connect Assets
2. Build Year-Round Attractions
3. Strengthen Visitor Ecosystem
4. Champion Tourism's Value

Expected Outcomes

- Increased non-resident tax revenue
- Enhanced business opportunities
- Stronger brand awareness
- Sustainable economic growth



Enhance and Connect Assets

Tourism is a fiercely competitive industry and Rhode Island's tourism industry needs support to continue to differentiate itself from similar New England destinations. Distributing visitors across our regions will maximize our unique appeal and reduce seasonal overcrowding.

1. Regional Integrations

- Connect key attractions through historical, cultural, and culinary experiences
- Leverage RI250 and regional celebrations to enhance destination appeal

2. International Growth

- Build on Rhode Island's luxury segment to encourage international growth
- Develop Latin American presence and improve air connectivity

3. Infrastructure Enhancement

- Develop inland attractions and trail systems (East Coast Greenway trail)
- Enhance Land Management visitor communications

4. Support Year-Round Tourism

- Expand convention & sports business
- Focus on off-season events

Build Year-Round Attractions

Rhode Island has an opportunity to boost off-season tourism to stabilize our year-round economy, as we currently experience significantly lower hotel occupancy than neighboring states during winter/spring months. By boosting off-season tourism, we will access a substantial untapped economic potential.

1. Establish Sustainable Funding for Visitor Experiences

- Establish \$2M-\$3M annual grant program to support new/existing events and experiences

2. Develop Strategic Off-Season Programming

- Create multi-day events during off-peak times with a focus on multi-region low-demand periods
- Develop themed events (winter, cultural, food festivals)

3. Strengthen Arts & Cultural Programming

- Create guidance materials for nonprofits and continue technical assistance to venues for visitor engagement
- Support off-season programming initiatives through enhanced marketing and storytelling efforts

4. Expand Family-Friendly Amenities

- Work with Commerce's Business Development team to attract new family-oriented attractions
- Enhance winter season offerings with a focus on locations near transportation hubs

Strengthen the Visitor Ecosystem

Rhode Island's tourism sector requires robust transportation infrastructure and a skilled hospitality workforce to sustain visitor accessibility and experiences throughout the state.

1. Transportation Feasibility Study

- Propose a comprehensive study to improve visitor transportation
- Focus areas include ferry services, shuttle systems, rail connectivity, and infrastructure upgrades
- Aims to enhance both visitor experience and worker accessibility
- Emphasizes eco-friendly and climate-resilient solutions

2. Transportation Communication and Advocacy

- Ensure all visitor material, throughout the state, is updated with alternative transportation options. Will incorporate non-personal vehicle travel options like rail, ferry, and eco-friendly mobility
- Create a “Visitor Transportation Manifesto” to share with key stakeholders to further improve transportation connectivity of visitors

3. Workforce Development

- Address ongoing labor shortages and skill gaps in the hospitality industry. Partner with RIHA to expand Apprenticeship programs
- Collaborate with RIHD to create affordable housing solutions for hospitality workers

Champion Tourism's Value

The Tourism industry extends far beyond advertising campaigns, requiring strategic planning and cross-sector collaboration. Like other economic drivers, tourism needs consistent policy support and long-term strategic thinking to remain competitive.

1. Launch Quarterly Implementation meetings

- Schedule first quarterly progress meeting with regional tourism partners and other stakeholders to establish regular coordination framework and reporting structure

2. Tourism Stewardship Planning

- Release RFP for Tourism Stewardship and Transportation Plan, coordinating with Statewide Planning, RIDEM, RIDOT, cities, towns, and environmental organizations to address transportation, sustainability, and growth management

3. Product Development

- Initiate luxury bespoke product development with regional partners, nonprofits, and private industry
- Launch development of virtual experiences linking regional locations, focusing on outdoor adventures
- Work with RI 250 Commission to coordinate America 250 content creation and programming

4. Advocacy

- Develop proposal for events and attraction tourism grant program
- Coordinate with EOC on tourism development sector lead and nonprofit business assistance
- Research and propose alternative funding mechanisms beyond State Hotel Tax



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FEBRUARY 24, 2025 PUBLIC SESSION MEETING MINUTES

EXHIBIT C

RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX CREDITS
UNDER THE REBUILD RHODE ISLAND TAX CREDIT ACT

February 24, 2025

WHEREAS: The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (the “Corporation”) was created and exists as a public corporation, governmental agency and public instrumentality of the State of Rhode Island (the “State”) under Chapter 64 of Title 42 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS: Chapter 64.20 of Title 42 of the General Laws of Rhode Island (the “Rebuild RI Tax Credit Act”), as amended, authorizes the Corporation to approve the issuance of tax credits in relation to certain development projects in the State; and

WHEREAS: The Corporation promulgated rules and regulations (the “Rules”) governing the tax credit program established by the Rebuild RI Tax Credit Act. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning as set forth in the Rules; and

WHEREAS: The Corporation received an application for tax credits from Manton Development Partners, LLC (the “Recipient”) under the Rebuild RI Tax Credit Act in relation to a project (the “Project”) located at 265 Manton Avenue, Providence, RI;

WHEREAS: The Corporation’s Investment Committee has reviewed and considered the proposed issuance of tax credits and a sales and use tax exemption to the Recipient and has voted to recommend to the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Corporation the approval of the tax credits and tax exemption; and

WHEREAS: The Board of the Corporation received a presentation inclusive of a term sheet detailing the Project and proposed incentives together with a recommendation from the staff of the Corporation to approve the issuance of tax credits and a sales and use tax exemption to the Recipient in accordance with the Rebuild RI Tax Credit Act and the Rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, acting by and through its Board, the Corporation hereby resolves as follows:

RESOLVED:

1. To accomplish the purposes of the Act and the Rebuild RI Tax Credit Act, the Corporation approves the issuance of tax credits to the Recipient in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) and authorizes a sales and use tax exemption.
2. The authorization provided herein is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The execution of an Incentive Agreement between the Corporation and the Recipient meeting the requirements of the Rebuild RI Tax Credit Act and the

Rules in such form as one of the Authorized Officers (hereinafter defined) shall deem appropriate in the sole discretion of such Officer;

- b. Verification by the Corporation of compliance with the Eligibility Requirements of the Rules prior to Certification of any award of tax credits to the Recipient; and
 - c. Such additional conditions as any of the Authorized Officers, acting singly, shall deem appropriate in the sole discretion of such Officer.
3. The Board of the Corporation hereby finds and determines that: (i) the approval will prevent, eliminate, or reduce unemployment or underemployment in the State and will generally benefit economic development of the State; (ii) that, to the extent applicable, the provisions of RIGL § 42-64-10(a)(1)(ii) through (v) have been satisfied; (iii) that the Recipient's Equity in the Project is not less than twenty percent (20%) of the total Project Cost and otherwise meets the Project Cost criteria of the Rebuild RI Tax Credit Act; (iv) there is a Project Financing Gap for the Project such that after taking into account all available private and public funding sources, the Project is not likely to be accomplished by private enterprise without the incentives described in the Act and the Rules; (v) the Project is in a Certified or Recognized Historic structure and is therefore exempt from the requirements set forth in R.I. Gen. Laws §42-64.20-5(3)(ii) and (iii); (vi) the total amount of Tax Credits awarded for the Project is the lesser of thirty percent (30%) of the total Project Cost or the amount needed to close the Project Financing Gap; (vii) that the construction project costs for the Project are Seven Million Five Hundred Forty Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty Dollars (\$7,542,440); (viii) that the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation has provided written confirmation required by the Rebuild RI Tax Credit Act (a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit 1); (ix) the Secretary of Commerce has provided written confirmation required by the Rebuild RI Tax Credit Act (a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit 1); (x) the Office of Management and Budget has provided written confirmation required under the Rebuild RI Tax Credit Act (a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit 2); and (xi) the Recipient has demonstrated that it will otherwise satisfy the Eligibility Requirements of the Rules for a Residential Project.
4. Prior to the execution of an Incentive Agreement with the Recipient, the Corporation shall prepare and publicly release an analysis of the impact that the issuance of the tax credits will or may have on the State considering the factors set forth in RIGL § 42-64-10(a)(2) (a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit 3).
5. The Authorized Officers of the Corporation for purposes of this Resolution are the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Secretary of Commerce, the President & COO, the Chief Financial Officer or the Executive Vice President Investments (the "Authorized Officers"). Any one of the Authorized Officers of the Corporation, acting singly, is hereby authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver and/or cause to be executed, acknowledged or delivered any documents necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions authorized herein with such changes, insertions, additions, alterations and

omissions as may be approved by any such Authorized Officers, and execution thereof by any of the Authorized Officers shall be conclusive as to the authority of such Authorized Officers to act on behalf of the Corporation. The Authorized Officers shall have no obligation to take any action with respect to the authorization granted hereunder and the Corporation shall in no way be obligated in any manner to the Recipient by virtue of having adopted this Resolution. The Secretary or the Assistant Secretary of the Corporation, and each, acting singly, is hereby authorized to affix a seal of the Corporation on any of the documents authorized herein and to attest to the same.

6. All covenants, stipulations, and obligations and agreements of the Corporation contained in this Resolution and the documents authorized herein shall be deemed to be covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements of the Corporation to the full extent authorized and permitted by law and such covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements shall be binding upon any board or party to which any powers and duties affecting such covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements shall be transferred by and in accordance with the law. Except as otherwise provided in this Resolution, all rights, powers and privileges conferred and duties and liabilities imposed upon the Corporation or the members thereof, by the provisions of this Resolution and the documents authorized herein shall be exercised and performed by the Corporation, or by such members, officers, board or body as may be required by law to exercise such powers and perform such duties.
7. From and after the execution and delivery of the documents hereinabove authorized, any one of the Authorized Officers, acting singly, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all such acts and things and to execute and deliver any and all such documents, including, but not limited to, any and all amendments to the documents, certificates, instruments and agreements hereinabove authorized, as may be necessary or convenient in connection with the transaction authorized herein.
8. All acts of the Authorized Officers which are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this Resolution and the execution, delivery and approval and performance of such documents authorized hereby and all prior actions taken in connection herewith are, ratified, approved and confirmed.
9. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption by the Board.
10. This Resolution shall automatically expire and be of no further force and effect if the Corporation has not entered into an Incentive Agreement with the Developer within two hundred seventy (270) days from the date of adoption of this Resolution.

EXHIBIT 1

From: Elizabeth Tanner, Esq., Secretary of Commerce and Chief Executive Officer of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation
James Bennett, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation
To: Board of Directors, Rhode Island Commerce Corporation
Re: Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit Application
Date: February 24, 2025

The staff of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (the “Corporation”) is recommending to the Board of Directors that it approve tax credits pursuant to the Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit program. The recommendation is as follows:

- To consider the application of Manton Development Partners, LLC for tax credits of \$500,000.

This memo serves as the written confirmation, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 46-64.20-6, of the following:

1. The Corporation staff has reviewed the application submitted and the impact analysis for this project (the impact analysis is provided to the Board as an exhibit to the approving resolution for the project).
2. The project is consistent with the purpose of the Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-64.20-1 *et seq.*

The total credits to be awarded to the applicant shall not be in excess of the amount listed above.

EXHIBIT 2



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors, Rhode Island Commerce Corporation

From: Brian M. Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Date: February 19, 2025 

Subject: Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit Applications

The staff of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (the "Corporation") has informed the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") that it intends to recommend to the Corporation's Board of Directors (the "Board") one project for the receipt of tax credits and sales and use tax (SUT) exemptions under the Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit in a total amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. That recommendation is as follows:

- That the application submitted by Manton Development Partners, LLC be approved for tax credits in a maximum amount of \$500,000.00, with any SUT exemptions reducing tax credits dollar-for-dollar.

As of OMB's December 13, 2024, memo, the Corporation had approved tax credits and SUT exemptions under the program in the amount of \$218,503,579.40. The approval of the additional project for Manton Development Partners, LLC in the amount of \$500,000.00 in Rebuild tax credits would bring the cumulative total of approved tax credits, SUT exemptions, and/or loans to \$219,003,579.40. Currently net appropriations of \$184.6 million have been made into the Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit Fund. Additional funding is expected in future legislative sessions, and section 42-64.20-5(f) authorizes aggregate tax credits, SUT exemptions, and/or loans under the Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit program in an amount not to exceed \$225 million. Pursuant to section 42-64.20-6(a)(4), OMB confirms that the aggregate credits recommended by the Commerce Corporation do not exceed the maximum aggregate credits allowed under this chapter in accordance with § 42-64.20-5(f).

Based on information provided by the Corporation, OMB anticipates the budget impact to the State of the tax credits, SUT exemptions, and/or loans, if approved, in the year of application and in subsequent years will be as set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

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45 Nexus Lofts	-	-	-	-	[161700]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
46 South Quay Marine Terminal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
47 Merchant Oversees (Terminated)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
48 404 Broad Street	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
49 Millrace District II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
50 401 Techbridge (Terminated)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
51 JK Equities (Initial)	-	-	-	-	190,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190,000.00
51 JK Equities (2nd Revision)	SC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190,000.00
52 16 Broad Street	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
53 Tidewater Landing (Initial)	-	-	-	-	-	4,000,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000,000.00
53 Tidewater Landing (Revised)	SC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000,000.00
54 Northpoint Airport Road Warwick, LLC	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
55 Minautre Casting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
56 Arctic Mills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
57 East Greenwich Partners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
58 Wanskuck Mill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
59 The Studley Building (Initial)	-	-	-	-	-	500,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000.00
59 The Studley Building (Revised)	RA	-	-	-	-	-	-	295,365.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	295,365.80
60 Superman Building	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
61 Ann & Hope Mill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
62 Track 15 Food Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
63 Walker Lofts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000.00
64 Anduril Industries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
65 36 Exchange Terrace	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
66 Regent Craft, Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
67 Organogenesis Holdings Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
68 Unity Park, LLC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
69 Manton Development Partners, LLC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00
Total Rebuild Sales Tax		0.00	574,241.38	2,369,235.88	3,222,458.27	3,135,722.80	4,654,445.41	3,615,441.12	9,320,691.00	1,295,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	6,700,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,700,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,067,278.10

Notes: Amounts in brackets are sales tax rebates estimates that are folded into the overall Rebuild credit amounts.

EXHIBIT 3

Economic Impact Analysis conducted by Appleseed, Inc.

Streamlined Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credits Economic and tax revenue impacts of development of 265 Manton Avenue, Providence

Impact of construction

Manton Development Partners (“the Sponsor”) is proposing adaptive reuse of the former St. Theresa’s Church in the Olneyville neighborhood in Providence, resulting in the creation of 26 new apartments. The project would also include a parking lot, to be covered by an 8,100 square-foot solar photovoltaic canopy. The Sponsor estimates that the project would cost a total of approximately \$7.54 million.

After excluding certain expenditures (such as property acquisition costs and interest paid during construction) that do not directly affect Rhode Island’s economy, Appleseed estimates that (as shown in Table 1) spending approximately \$6.92 million on development and construction of the project will directly and indirectly support:

- 70 jobs in Rhode Island in construction and related industries;
- \$4.94 million in earnings (in 2025 dollars);
- \$8.39 million in statewide economic output; and
- A one-time increase of \$5.90 million in Rhode Island’s GDP.

Table 1: Direct, indirect and total impact of construction (income, value-added and output in millions of 2025 dollars)¹

	Jobs	Earnings	Value added	Output
Direct	63	\$4.446	\$5.083	\$6.921
Indirect	7	\$0.494	\$0.820	\$1.472
Total	70	\$4.940	\$5.903	\$8.393

Construction spending would directly and indirectly generate approximately \$319,000 in state tax revenue, including:

- \$175,000 in sales and use taxes paid on purchases of materials and other goods used in construction
- \$74,000 in state personal income taxes paid by workers directly employed on the project, or by Rhode Island workers whose jobs are indirectly attributable to the project;
- \$61,000 in state sales taxes paid on those workers’ taxable household spending; and

¹ Estimates of the impact of construction spending shown in Table 1 were derived using an IMPLAN input-output model for Rhode Island. In estimating the number of direct jobs and earnings supported by a given level of construction spending, IMPLAN uses statewide average earnings per worker in each relevant industry segment, without distinguishing between union and non-union jobs. The earnings shown here thus reflect a blend of both union and non-union wages.

- \$9,000 in state business taxes.

Impact of operations

The Sponsor estimates that in its first full year of operation, 265 Manton Avenue’s operating expenditures (excluding real property taxes) will total approximately \$117,000. Using IMPLAN, Applesseed estimates that these expenditures will directly and indirectly account for:

- 1 new full-time-equivalent job in Rhode Island;
- \$48,200 in new earnings (in 2027 dollars);
- \$177,400 in new economic output statewide; and
- An increase of \$92,800 in Rhode Island’s annual GDP.

Table 2: Annual impact (direct, indirect and induced) of ongoing food hall operations (income, value-added and output in thousands of 2027 dollars)

	Jobs	Earnings	Value added	Output
Direct	0.5	\$30.3	\$59.2	\$116.8
Indirect	0.5	\$17.9	\$33.6	\$60.6
Total	1	\$48.2	\$92.8	\$177.4

Ongoing operations would directly and indirectly generate approximately \$1,700 annually in state tax revenue, including:

- \$800 in state personal income taxes paid by workers directly employed in management and maintenance of the property, or by Rhode Island workers whose jobs are indirectly attributable to those operations;
- \$800 in state sales taxes paid on those workers’ taxable household spending;
- \$100 in state business taxes; and

During the construction period and the twelve-year period following construction, the proposed project would generate approximately \$339,400 in state tax revenues.

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EXHIBIT D

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION**

February 24, 2025

**(With Respect to the Establishment of the Rhode Island Venture Capital Fund and the
Engagement of a Manager for the Fund)**

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation seeks to establish the Rhode Island Venture Capital Fund (“Fund”) to invest in early-stage companies in the State; specifically, early-stage companies in the pre-seed and seed stages of funding;

WHEREAS, the creation of the Fund will enhance and encourage more high-potential start-up companies to start, grow, and prosper in the State;

WHEREAS, the Corporation issued a request for proposals in relation to a fund manager for the Fund (“Services”); and

WHEREAS, the respondents to the request for proposals were properly reviewed and qualifications considered, and a recommendation was made to the Board of the Corporation to engage Rogue Island Ventures, Inc. (“Vendor”) to provide the Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Corporation as follows:

Section 1: That the Board authorized the Corporation to establish the Program, and that the Program is consistent with the Grant Application Review and Evaluation Principles.

Section 2: Any of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary of Commerce, CEO, President and COO, and/or Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, and Chief Marketing Officer (collectively, Authorized Officers”) acting singly, shall have the authority to negotiate and execute any and all documents in connection with the retention of the Vendor.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

FEBRUARY 24, 2025 PUBLIC SESSION MEETING MINUTES

EXHIBIT E

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION**

February 24, 2025

**(With Respect to the Selection of Vendors for Broadband Infrastructure
Projects Funded Through the Federal Capital Project Fund)**

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (the “Corporation”) issued a request for proposals in relation to designing and building broadband infrastructure projects in two project areas (“Services”); and

WHEREAS, the applicants were properly reviewed and qualifications considered, and a recommendation was made to the Board of the Corporation to engage Verizon New England, Inc. (“Vendor”) to provide the Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Corporation as follows:

Section 1: Any of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary of Commerce, CEO, President and COO, and/or Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, and Chief Marketing Officer (collectively, Authorized Officers”) acting singly, shall have the authority to negotiate and execute any and all documents in connection with the retention of the Vendor in the following amounts for the following project areas:

Vendor	Project Area	Communities	Amount
Verizon New England, Inc.	A	Portsmouth	\$1,651,334
Verizon New England, Inc.	F	Tiverton	\$2,984,180
TOTAL			\$4,635,514.00

Section 2: The Authorized Officers of the Corporation shall have no obligation to take any action with respect to the authorization granted hereunder and the Corporation shall in no way be obligated in any manner to the Vendors by virtue of having adopted this Resolution.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

TAB 2

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION

April 28, 2025

APPROVED

VOTED: To approve Innovation Vouchers pursuant to the resolution submitted to the Board.

**RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF INNOVATION VOUCHERS
UNDER THE INNOVATION INITIATIVE ACT**

April 28, 2025

WHEREAS: The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (the “Corporation”) was created and exists as a public corporation, governmental agency and public instrumentality of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations (the “State”) under Chapter 64 of Title 42 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS: Chapter 64.28 of Title 42 of the General Laws of Rhode Island (the “Innovation Act”), as amended, authorizes the Corporation to award Innovation Vouchers for Small Businesses to receive technical or other assistance as set forth in Rule 6 of the Rules (defined below); and

WHEREAS: The Corporation promulgated rules and regulations (the “Rules”) governing the program established by the Innovation Act. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning as set forth in the Rules; and

WHEREAS: The Corporation received applications from each company identified on Exhibit 1 annexed hereto (the “Recipients”) for awards of an Innovation Voucher (the “Voucher”); and

WHEREAS: The Board of Directors of the Corporation (the “Board”) received a presentation detailing the Voucher proposed to be granted to the applicant together with a recommendation from the staff of the Corporation to approve the award of Voucher to the Recipients in accordance with the Innovation Act and the Rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, acting by and through its Board, the Corporation hereby resolves as follows:

RESOLVED:

1. To accomplish the purposes of the Act and the Innovation Act, the Corporation approves the award of a Voucher to each Recipient in the amounts set forth in Exhibit 1.
2. The authorization provided herein is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The execution of a Voucher Agreement between the Corporation and the Recipients meeting the requirements of the Innovation Act and the Rules in such form as one of the Authorized Officers (hereinafter defined) shall deem appropriate in the sole discretion of such Officer;
 - b. Verification by the Corporation of compliance with the Eligibility Requirements of Rule 7 of the Rules prior to issuance of a Voucher; and

- c. Such additional conditions as any of the Authorized Officers, acting singly, shall deem appropriate in the sole discretion of such Officer.
3. The Authorized Officers of the Corporation for purposes of this Resolution are the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Secretary of Commerce, CEO, the President & COO, the Chief Financial Officer, the Secretary, or the Innovation Director (the "Authorized Officers"). Any one of the Authorized Officers of the Corporation, acting singly, is hereby authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver and/or cause to be executed, acknowledged or delivered any documents necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions authorized herein with such changes, insertions, additions, alterations and omissions as may be approved by any such Authorized Officers, and execution thereof by any of the Authorized Officers shall be conclusive as to the authority of such Authorized Officers to act on behalf of the Corporation. The Authorized Officers of the Corporation shall have no obligation to take any action with respect to the authorization granted hereunder and the Corporation shall in no way be obligated in any manner to the Recipients by virtue of having adopted this Resolution. The Secretary or the Assistant Secretary of the Corporation, and each, acting singly, is hereby authorized to affix a seal of the Corporation on any of the documents authorized herein and to attest to the same.
4. All covenants, stipulations, and obligations and agreements of the Corporation contained in this Resolution and the documents authorized herein shall be deemed to be covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements of the Corporation to the full extent authorized and permitted by law and such covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements shall be binding upon any board or party to which any powers and duties affecting such covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements shall be transferred by and in accordance with the law. Except as otherwise provided in this Resolution, all rights, powers and privileges conferred and duties and liabilities imposed upon the Corporation or the members thereof, by the provisions of this Resolution and the documents authorized herein shall be exercised and performed by the Corporation, or by such members, officers, board or body as may be required by law to exercise such powers and perform such duties.
5. From and after the execution and delivery of the documents hereinabove authorized, any one of the Authorized Officers, acting singly, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all such acts and things and to execute and deliver any and all such documents, including, but not limited to, any and all amendments to the documents, certificates, instruments and agreements hereinabove authorized, as may be necessary or convenient in connection with the transaction authorized herein.
6. All acts of the Authorized Officers which are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this Resolution and the execution, delivery and approval and performance of such documents authorized hereby and all prior actions taken in connection herewith are, ratified, approved and confirmed.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board.

EXHIBIT 1

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
American Cord and Webbing Co, Inc.	\$74,973
Crewless Marine Acoustics LLC	\$59,480
Electro Standards Laboratory Inc.	\$75,000
Vatn Systems, Inc.	\$73,468

TAB 3

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION

April 28, 2025

APPROVED

VOTED: To approve the selection of a vendor for manufacturing sector mapping services pursuant to the resolution submitted to the Board.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION**

April 28, 2025

(With Respect to the Selection of a Vendor for Manufacturing Sector Mapping Services)

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (“Corporation”) issued a request for proposals (“RFP”) in relation to conduct a comprehensive mapping and analysis of Rhode Island’s manufacturing industry (“Services”); and

WHEREAS, the respondents were properly reviewed and qualifications considered, and a recommendation was made to the Board of Directors of the Corporation to retain Alidade Consulting, LLC (“Vendor”) to provide the Services;

NOW THEREFORE, the Corporation, acting by and through its Board, hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1: Any of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary of Commerce, CEO, President and COO, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, and/or Chief Marketing Officer, acting singly, shall have the authority to negotiate and execute any and all documents in connection with the retention of the Vendor for the Services in an amount not to exceed \$49,875 plus out of pocket expenses as approved in the sole discretion of the CEO.

Section 2: This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

TAB 4

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION

April 28, 2025

APPROVED

VOTED: To approve the selection of consultants for on-call, real estate and economic impact analysis services pursuant to the resolution submitted to the Board.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION**

April 28, 2025

(With Respect to On-call, Real Estate and Economic Impact Analysis Services)

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (the “Corporation”) issued a request for proposals in relation to on-call, real estate and economic impact analysis services (the “Services”); and

WHEREAS, the applicants were properly reviewed and qualifications considered, and a recommendation was made to the Board of the Corporation to retain the vendors identified below to provide the Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Corporation as follows:

Section 1: Any of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary of Commerce, President and COO, and/or Chief Financial Officer acting singly, shall have the authority to negotiate and execute any and all documents in connection with the retention of the following vendors for on-call real estate consultant services at the rates specified in their proposals, plus out of pocket expenses at the discretion of such officer:

- A. RES Group; and
- B. Camoin Associates

Section 2: The Authorized Officers may provide for an initial term of up to three years and thereafter may extend the term of such services for two additional terms each not to exceed one year.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

TAB 5

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION

April 28, 2025

APPROVED

VOTED: To approve awards under the Blue Youth Program component of the Pathways in Technology Early College High School program pursuant to the resolution submitted to the Board.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION**

April 28, 2025

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-64.31-1, et seq., the Pathways in Technology Early College High School program (“PTECH”) funding can be utilized to support: developing and/or implementing pathways or course content that help lead to a high school diploma in targeted or growth industries for the state; and/or internships and mentorships that help lead to employment after graduation;

WHEREAS, the Corporation has created the Blue Youth Program as a component of PTECH to further PTECH goals in ocean technology sectors;

WHEREAS, the Corporation issued a request for proposals (“RFP”) relative to grants under the Blue Youth Program, received proposals, and duly evaluated and scored those proposals.

WHEREAS, Tribe Academy LLC (“Tribe”) was the highest-scored proposal, which proposal included a collaboration Times2 STEM Academy, the Community College of Rhode Island, Jaia Robotics, INSPIRE Environmental, Deep Blue Composites, TCP Learning, Winner’s Circle XR, Crewless Marine, and the University of Rhode Island;

WHEREAS, the proposed grant to Tribe is consistent with the Corporation’s grant evaluation principles previously adopted and furthers the priorities and goals of PTECH; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation’s Board of Directors (“Board”) has received a recommendation from the Corporation’s staff to authorize the grant to carry out the goals of PTECH and the Blue Youth Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Corporation as follows:

Section 1: Any of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary of Commerce, President and COO, Chief Financial Officer and/or Executive Vice President Investment (the “Authorized Officers”), acting singly, shall have the authority to make a grant to Tribe in an amount up to \$94,589.63 to carry out its proposal submitted in response to the RFP.

Section 2: Such grant has been granted in compliance with the Grant Application Review and Evaluation Principles adopted by the Corporation.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

TAB 6

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION

April 28, 2025

APPROVED

VOTED: To approve a grant under the RI Rebounds Placemaking Program pursuant to the resolution submitted to the Board.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION**

April 28, 2025

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (“the Corporation”) received a presentation from the Corporation’s staff regarding a proposed award for Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc. under the RI Rebounds Placemaking Program (the “Program”); and

WHEREAS, the proposed award is consistent with the purposes of the Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Corporation as follows:

Section 1: Any of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary of Commerce, President and COO, Chief Financial Officer and/or Executive Vice President Investment (the “Authorized Officers”), acting singly, shall have the authority to make an award to Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc. in an amount up to \$200,000 under the Program.

Section 2: Such award has been granted in compliance with the Grant Application Review and Evaluation Principles adopted by the Corporation.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

TAB 7

NO VOTE