

CLOSING THE PRESENT-DAY RACIAL WEALTH AND EQUITY GAP

PROVIDENCE MUNICIPAL REPARATIONS OVERVIEW

SUMMARY

In July 2020, Providence launched a three-phase process to advance Truth-telling, Reconciliations and Reparations for African heritage and Indigenous residents. Mayor Elorza launched the Providence Municipal Reparations Commission to address the injuries outlined in the Truth Telling and Reconciliation phases and provide recommendations to the City on appropriate policies, programs, and projects to begin repairing harm.

The City has allocated \$10 million of American Rescue Plan funds to advance this work. The Municipal Reparations Commission partnered with the Truth-Telling and Reconciliations Subgroup and City of Providence staff to engage residents before making recommendations to the City of Providence to advance reparations.

TOTAL ARPA ALLOCATION: \$10,000,000

INFORMING THIS REPORT

Historical documentation provided by Rhode Island Black Heritage Society, Rhode Island Historical Society, 1696 Heritage Group, and the Providence Preservation Society

650+ primary and secondary sources of documentation and historical narratives

378 survey responses

1,500 Providence stakeholders engaged during Reconciliation efforts

29 interviews

11 events

REPARATIONS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FACTS

7 Reparations Town Hall Meetings

17 hybrid meetings

25+ organizations participated

30+ Reparations Commission public comments

750+ A Matter of Truth reports disseminated

58 Town Hall attendees