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Center for Tech and Civic Life awards East Providence Canvassing with \$25K COVID-19 Response grant

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI –The Center for Tech and Civic Life, a nonprofit organization which includes a team of researchers, election administration, data experts and civic technologists, has awarded the city of East Providence Canvassing Office with a \$25,000 grant.

The COVID-19 Response Grant, a regrant of funds to local jurisdictions made possible via \$250 million committed to CTCL by Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg, will enable the Canvassing Department to help ensure that the department has the staffing, training and equipment necessary for every eligible voter to participate in a safe and timely way and have their vote counted.

"We were thrilled to hear that we were awarded the grant," Canvassing Office Administrator Leslie Shattuck-Moore said. "These funds will help with staff needs and will help ensure a clean and safe place for our voters during this pandemic."

"The City is thankful to the CTCL for its focus on ensuring a smooth and safe election amidst this COVID-19 pandemic, which has negatively impacted our City and the rest of the world," Mayor Bob DaSilva said. "These funds will assist with our Canvassing Office's needs as they prepare for and assist residents with the 2020 election."

Voters may leave **mail ballot APPLICATIONS** in the mail slot located outside of City Hall today through Oct.13, 2020 at 4 p.m. Those who do, will receive their mail ballot at their home prior to the election.

Also, beginning on Oct.14, 2020 at 8 a.m. and ending Nov. 2, 2020 at 4 p.m., residents may cast their vote in person at City Hall without an appointment or may leave their ballot in the slot outside of City Hall. In addition, this funding will enable City Hall to remain open one day per week – Wednesdays – until 6 p.m. for those who wish to vote in person at Canvassing Office located on the first floor of City Hall. No appointment is necessary.

On Election Day – Nov. 3, 2020 – City Hall will be open for presidential and vice presidential election voting from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For all other voting, please visit your assigned polling location.

All residents wishing to vote on Election Day, must be registered to vote by Oct. 4, 2020. To register to vote please visit: <u>https://vote.sos.ri.gov/Home/RegistertoVote?ActiveFlag=1</u>

For information on your voting location, please visit: https://vote.sos.ri.gov/Home/PollingPlaces?ActiveFlag=2

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