



More U.S. help for R.I. homeowners

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Rhode Island will receive an additional \$26.9 million in foreclosure prevention money from the Hardest Hit Fund program at the U.S. Treasury Department

This follows \$9.6 million released in February for a total of \$36.6 million in additional HHF funding for the year, according to U.S. Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I.

The Hardest Hit Fund is a flexible source of federal aid that has been used in Rhode Island to help protect neighborhood home values and enable unemployed homeowners to remain in their homes while they search for new jobs.

The HHF program provided federal funding to the 18 states most affected by home foreclosures so they could develop local programs to assist struggling homeowners in their communities. ? Linda Borg