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**Rhode Island Housing brings Homebuyer Education to Lincoln**  
*Class prepares homebuyers by emphasizing buying smart*

**Lincoln, RI** (February 19, 2014) – Rhode Island Housing will be in Lincoln on Thursday, February 20 to teach homebuyers about the importance of making wise purchasing decisions. Buying a home is likely one of the largest investments a person will ever make, and free Homebuyer Education classes, like the one being held at the Lincoln Town Hall Library, help to take the mystery out of the homebuying process.

“One of the most important things we can teach Rhode Island homebuyers is to buy smart,” said Richard Godfrey, Executive Director of Rhode Island Housing. “One of the core principles that we always communicate to Rhode Island homebuyers is how important it is to buy smart when purchasing a home. These classes are one way we help to make sure that homebuyers have all the information necessary to make smart, informed decisions throughout the process of buying and keeping the home that is right for them.”

All first-time homebuyers seeking financing through Rhode Island Housing are required to attend a Homebuyer Education class before closing, but the classes are not limited to those borrowers. Rhode Island Housing encourages all potential homebuyers to take advantage of the information these classes offer so that, when the time is right, they can be sure to buy smart. The class covers safe-lending practices, qualifying for a mortgage, correcting credit problems, saving for a down payment and more.

**The next Rhode Island Housing Homebuyer Education class will be:**  
**Thursday, February 20, 6 – 9:30 p.m.**  
**Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln**

For those who are unable to attend an in-person class, Rhode Island Housing also offers an online version of the course that can be completed at your own pace anywhere you access the internet. To learn more about Rhode Island Housing’s Homebuyer Education program, or to register for a class, visit [rhodeislandhousing.org](http://rhodeislandhousing.org).

Additionally, several of our partners also offer in-person classes for first-time homebuyers. Information on these classes can be found by visiting the Housing Network of Rhode Island at [housingnetworkri.org/homeownership-connection/](http://housingnetworkri.org/homeownership-connection/) or calling 401-521-1461.

**About Rhode Island Housing**

Together with its partners, Rhode Island Housing works to ensure that all people who live and work in Rhode Island can afford a healthy, attractive home that meets their needs. Rhode Island Housing uses all of its resources to provide low-interest loans, grants, education and assistance to help Rhode Islanders find, rent, buy, build and keep a good home. Created by the General Assembly in 1973, Rhode Island Housing is a privately funded public purpose corporation.

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