## RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER ONLINE PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Comment from: Adrienne Gagnon On 08/04/2021

In regards to the following section:

PREVAILING WAGE (Competitive Grants and Named Recipients): Contracts for construction entered into on or after November 6, 2014 shall be in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 37131 et seq. (prevailing wage).

The regulation requiring all construction to be performed by laborers paid prevailing wage is extremely challenging for smaller non-profit arts and culture organizations. This mandate increases the cost of construction, increases the administrative burden, and makes it difficult for organizations to creatively utilize skilled volunteer labor.