

October 2016 – Cluster Grant

**Farm Fresh Rhode Island**

**Request:** \$85,000

**Grant:** Technical Assistance Industry Cluster

**Location:** 498 Kingsley Avenue, a 3.3 acre parcel, Providence Valley neighborhood

**Project timeline:** September 2016-April 2016

**Industry Cluster:** Agriculture, seafood (farm to table), and local food producers

**Use of funds:** Complete 6-month due diligence requirements on new Providence-based site in preparation for a Rhode Island Food and Agriculture Campus, where a cluster of food and farm-related businesses co-locate to strengthen the local and regional food system. The Food and Agriculture campus will be a) a hub for the aggregation and distribution of local food and produce; b) production facilities for co-located new and established businesses; c) markets reaching individual consumer and the wholesale trade; d) job training; and e) opportunities for health and nutrition education. The due diligence work on the new site consists of architecture and engineering, civil and environmental, legal, financial, and a market analysis.