

# What Is The Rhode Island Foundation?

## A Community Foundation:

- ◆ Collection of endowments to benefit a geographic region
- ◆ Diverse and unrelated donors
- ◆ Restricted and unrestricted funds
- ◆ Dual focus – grant-making and asset development
- ◆ Community leadership

# Rhode Island Foundation Overview

*The Rhode Island Foundation is a proactive community and philanthropic leader, dedicated to meeting the needs of the people of Rhode Island.*

- ▷ Founded in 1916, Rhode Island's only community foundation, and one of the nation's largest.
- ▷ Community Foundation vs Private Foundation
- ▷ Oversight and stewardship of ~1,500 component funds

- ▷ Balancing immediate and long term needs:
  - Campaign for Roger Williams Park
  - Initiative for Nonprofit Excellence
  - Kennedy Plaza programmatic funding
  - Research & convenings
  - Roger Williams Scholarship
  - Rhode Island Innovation Fellowship
  - Basic Human Needs grant program
  
- ▷ Funder of nonprofit organizations
  - Record grant making of \$45.3M in 2016





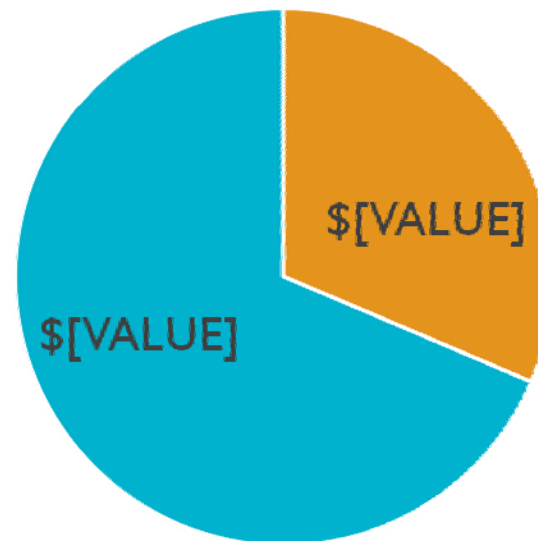
# RHODE ISLAND FOUNDATION

*Lead, Transform, Inspire*



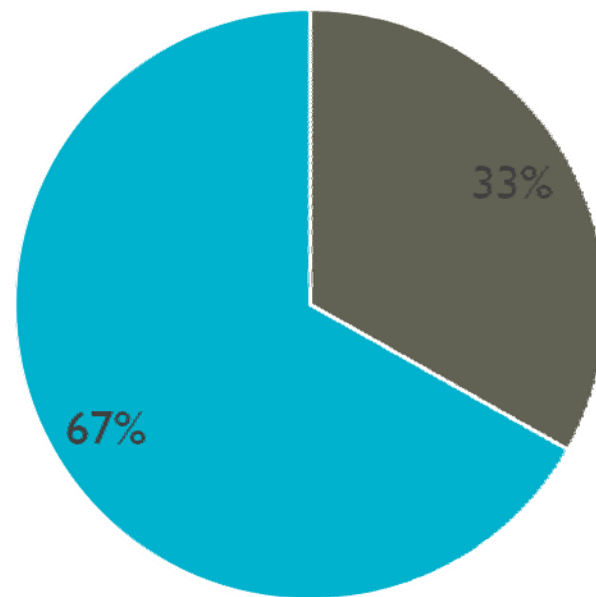
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## 2016 Grants Awarded \$45,263,293



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## Discretionary Funding



■ Unrestricted ■ Restricted

# Grant Programs

- ▷ Strategy Grants

*Educational success, healthy lives, economic security*, arts & culture, children & families, environment, housing, basic human needs

- ▷ Organizational Development Grants

- ▷ Community Grants

- ▷ Newport County Fund

- ▷ Other

<http://www.rifoundation.org/WorkingTogether/ForNonprofits/GrantOpportunities.aspx>

Questions?!

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