



RHODE ISLAND FOUNDATION

Rhode Island Foundation Grant Programs

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Introduction

The Rhode Island Foundation awarded over \$45 million in 2016. Over 65% of that funding was directed by donors via donor advised funds, organizational endowments, or designated funds. The remaining 35% is funding from our discretionary grant programs which are supported by unrestricted dollars (approximately 33%) and by funds with a specific purpose and intent (approx. 67%). We annually administer numerous and varied grant programs, including:

Strategy grants

Strategy grants program is our largest discretionary grant program, allocating approximately \$7 million in grants annually. Strategy grants are awarded in our three strategic areas of focus: Economic security, Education, and Health as well as in four other sectors: Arts & Culture, Children & Families, Environment, and Housing. We prioritize use of our unrestricted dollars to support our strategic sectors. Our strategic initiatives have specific priorities and focus. We prioritize use of our unrestricted dollars to these sectors.

A pre-application conversation with Rhode Island Foundation staff is required. Applications are currently accepted on a rolling basis.

Organizational Development grants:

This program is administered by the Initiative for Nonprofit Excellence. The program offers three deadlines throughout the year for requests of up to \$10,000 for organizational capacity building activities. This program targets organizations that are outside the Rhode Island Foundation's areas of focus.

2017 Deadlines: April 28, July 14, October 13

Community Grants

Launched in 2016 as a special opportunity to celebrate the Foundation's centennial, the program proved so successful in promoting collaboration and community-making, we are offering a version of the program in 2017. Nonprofit organizations, preservation societies, municipal governments, and public agencies like libraries and schools are eligible to apply for grants up to \$10,000.

Deadline: March 31, 2017

Newport County Fund

An example of a grant program with a geographic focus. The Newport County Fund offers competitive small grants, which range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Grants are awarded where a relatively small amount of money can be of strategic assistance to a nonprofit organization serving one or more of the six cities and towns of Newport County. The deadline for applications this year was February 16.