

Grants For Specific Geographic Regions

Barrington District Nursing Association Fund: Supports programs that ensure the physical and mental health and well-being of Barrington residents.

Deadline: February 10, 2017

Bristol Female Charitable Society: Funds East Bay nonprofit organizations, with a preference for those providing services in Bristol.

Deadline: August 18, 2017

Chariho Community Innovative Projects Fund: Supports creative projects developed by teachers, students, or community members in Chariho school district.

Deadline: Please refer to [COMMUNITY 2000 EDUCATION FOUNDATION WEBSITE](#)

Fund of the Providence Shelter for Colored Children: Benefits organizations serving Black children who live in greater Providence.

Deadline: Annually on March 31

June Rockwell Levy Foundation: Grants to 501 (c)(3) organizations, with priority to organizations serving the communities of Providence and Northern Rhode Island.

Deadline: March 10 for applications pertaining to after-school or out-of-school time youth serving programs; 10th of every odd-numbered month for all other applications

Newport County Fund Small Grants: Benefit the communities of Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, and Tiverton.

Deadline: February 16, 2017

North Smithfield Ambulance & Rescue Association Fund: Supports charitable programs and activities in North Smithfield.

Deadline: March 24, 2017

Ponaganset Education Fund: Supports creative projects developed by teachers, students, or community members in Foster-Glocester school district.

Deadline: Please refer to [PONAGANSET EDUCATION FOUNDATION WEBSITE](#)

Mary LeMoine Potter Fund: Benefits organizations serving Kingston village.

Deadline: February 24, 2017

South Kingstown Education Foundation: Supports creative projects developed by teachers, students, or community members in South Kingstown school district.

Deadline: Please refer to [SOUTH KINGSTOWN EDUCATION FOUNDATION WEBSITE](#)

Miss Swinburne Fund: Supports nonprofits that offer charitable programs and services for women and girls in Newport County.

Deadline: April 7, 2017

Westerly Education Endowment Fund: Supports creative projects developed by teachers, students, or community members in Westerly school district.

Deadline: Please refer to [WESTERLY EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND WEBSITE](#)

Community Grants

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In 2016, the Rhode Island Foundation commemorated 100 years of service to Rhode Island and its people. In honor of the centennial, we funded **COMMUNITY-MAKING PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE** [»](#).

Grants were made to nonprofit organizations, municipal governments, and community agencies to build bike lanes, design walking tours, plant community gardens, install historical markers and monuments, and more.

Due to the program's success to promote collaboration and community-making, we are re-opening the Community Grants 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.



Agawamuck Community Table received a Centennial Community Grant to create the first community garden in Newport. The 74-foot garden was built at the Friends Meeting House site in downtown Newport.

While not required, proposals that demonstrate a local commitment will be considered more competitive for this grant program. Community commitment may be measured by a cash match, committed volunteer time, donated space, or other forms of in-kind contributions.



The Rocky Point Foundation used its Centennial Community Grant to restore the Rocky Point Arch, which had fallen into a state of disrepair. Red and lead paint were removed and the 60 foot tall structure was repainted and restored to its former glory.

While eligible projects may include either new initiatives or enhancements to ongoing and recurring initiatives, applicants should be mindful that Community Grants are intended to support one-time costs and expenses. Projects will not be eligible for renewed support in future years.

We believe that community is created at the intersection

of people, places, and traditions. We want to help you make unique and important things happen at this intersection.

Specifically, we are looking for projects that:

- ✓ Are openly accessible to the community
- ✓ Are relevant and meaningful to the specific community
- ✓ Are doable
- ✓ Are creative and unique
- ✓ Will have a meaningful and lasting impact on the people and place
- ✓ Involve partners
- ✓ Make exceptionally good use of the funds

Important Dates

Online applications must be submitted by midnight (EST) on March 31, 2017. Please note that no assistance will be available after 5 p.m. (EST).

Decisions will be made by the end of May 2017.



Our Grantmaking Areas of Focus

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In 2016, the Foundation distributed **A RECORD \$45 MILLION IN GRANTS**  to hundreds of nonprofits across the state. As the community foundation for the entire state, we fund a wide range of initiatives and projects, many of which are determined by the charitable interests of our donors.

Through our discretionary grants, the Foundation invests in the following areas:

✓ **Educational success**

Focus: improve educational outcomes for all public school students

✓ **Healthy lives**

Focus: improve access to and quality of primary care for all Rhode Islanders

✓ **Economic security**

Focus: improve Rhode Island's environment for economic growth so all Rhode Islanders can prosper

✓ **Arts and culture**

Focus: diverse participation in the arts, arts education, and a vital arts sector

✓ **Children and families**

Focus: a strong continuum of care for children and families through evidence-based practices and systems reform

✓ **Environment**

Focus: environmental resilience through strong food, energy, transportation, and natural resource systems

✓ **Housing**

Focus: increased affordable housing options in the state

✓ **Basic human needs**

Focus: to support community agencies that provide food, clothing, housing, and prescription assistance



Foundation funding has helped **AMOS HOUSE**  to expand its A Hand Up program, which puts men and women who panhandle to work cleaning roadways and vacant lots throughout Providence.

Organizational Development Grants

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As part of our commitment to serving the needs of the nonprofit sector, we offer organizational development grants of up to \$10,000 through the Initiative for Nonprofit Excellence (INE). We recognize that the needs of the sector are broader than our strategic priorities, and these grants are intended to support organizations that fall outside of [OUR AREAS OF FOCUS](#) ↗. If you are uncertain about your organization's eligibility for these grants, please email or call [JILL PFITZENMAYER](#) ⁸³, [\(401\) 427-4006](tel:(401)427-4006).

Organizational development grants can be used for a variety of activities that strengthen and improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness, including strategic planning, business planning, fund development planning, marketing planning, feasibility studies, reorganization and streamlining, mergers, financial management planning or systems, and transition or succession planning.

Organizational Development Grants Application and Reporting Process

Our 2017 application deadlines are:

- ✓ April 28
- ✓ July 14
- ✓ October 13

To apply, [COMPLETE THIS ONLINE APPLICATION](#). ↗ *

Proposals are evaluated on the clear articulation of need, the organization's ability to demonstrate readiness to undertake the proposed development, and the clarity of measurable outcomes of success.

Beyond these criteria, consideration will be given to organizations in the early stages of development, particularly if their work addresses a population or issue that is underserved, as well as organizations whose work shows considerable potential for long-term impact.
