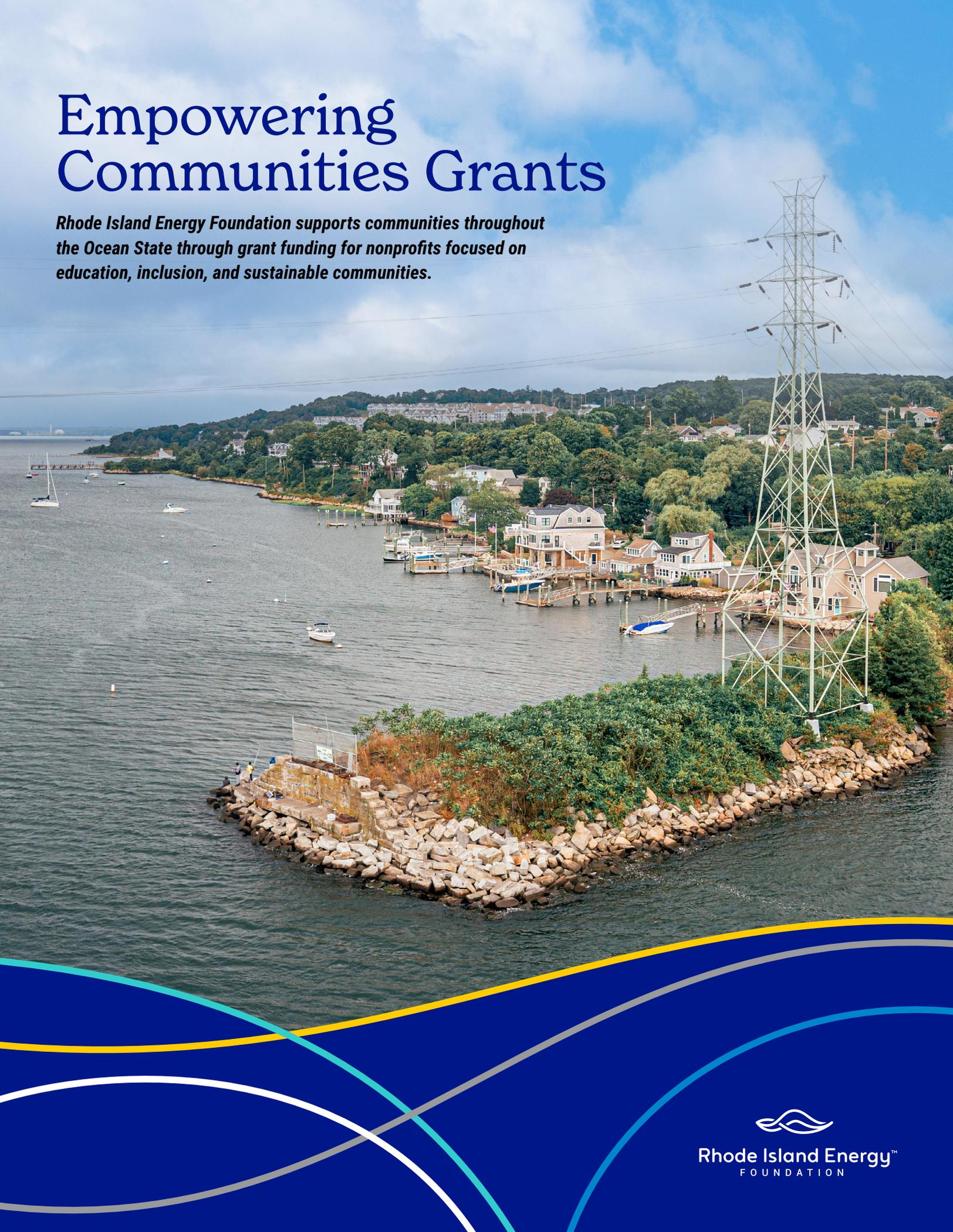


# Empowering Communities Grants

*Rhode Island Energy Foundation supports communities throughout the Ocean State through grant funding for nonprofits focused on education, inclusion, and sustainable communities.*



Rhode Island Energy™  
FOUNDATION

# About Us

## RHODE ISLAND ENERGY FOUNDATION

Our mission is powering a brighter future for our communities. We're investing in education, strengthening neighborhoods and advancing opportunities for all.

## EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Rhode Island Energy strives to empower the communities we serve, not only by delivering safe, reliable energy to our customers but by partnering with community organizations working to make a difference throughout Rhode Island.

We're proud to be a part of PPL Corporation, which has worked to strengthen local communities for more than a century.

The company's support for communities across PA, RI, and KY includes millions in donations through the PPL Foundation to community organizations, strong support of education, and employee volunteer initiatives.

This same commitment extends to Rhode Island, and we're eager to partner with nonprofits to make a positive impact in Rhode Islanders' lives.

Funded by the Rhode Island Energy Foundation, Empowering Communities Grants will provide support to nonprofits in communities served by Rhode Island Energy. Grants of \$2,500 to \$20,000 will be awarded to organizations focused on education, inclusion; or sustainable communities.

## Focus Areas



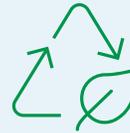
### COMMUNITY VITALITY

- Housing stability
- Food security
- Energy assistance
- Arts & Culture



### ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES

- Economic development
- Inclusive skill-building or entrepreneurship training
- Workforce development



### RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

- Environmental stewardship
- Neighborhood revitalization
- Emergency preparedness
- Disaster relief



### EDUCATION

- STEM programs
- Literacy
- Career pathways
- College readiness

# Grant Considerations

## WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR A GRANT?

Grant applications will be accepted twice annually:

- February 1 to March 15
- August 1 to September 15

## WHO CAN APPLY FOR A GRANT?

Our objective is to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve in Rhode Island.

Any nonprofit organization (501c3) based in RI or MA that serves RI working to improve the community through initiatives focused on education, inclusion and sustainable communities can apply for a grant.

Municipalities, churches, schools and chambers of commerce are not eligible.

The foundation does not fund grant requests related to animal welfare, mental health, health care, case management, or advocacy.

## ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

All recipients of grants, sponsorship dollars and in-kind support from any of RIE's giving programs must not discriminate in their hiring practices or delivery of services on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, disability, medical condition, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, citizenship, age, pregnancy, genetic information, or service in the uniformed services. Specific exclusions necessary to the essential operation of a program(s) will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- The Rhode Island Energy Foundation will not be the sole contributor to capital campaign requests.
- No multiyear commitments will be made.
- Requests from political, labor, religious groups, individuals or small groups of individuals, will not be considered.
- Requests for scholarship funding will not be considered. The Rhode Island Energy Foundation provides scholarship funding annually through its Brighter Future Scholarships, which provides \$150,000 annually to support students pursuing degrees or technical certification in fields that impact the clean energy transition.

## Annual Grant Timeline

	APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED	REVIEWS & APPROVALS	DISPERSEMENT
SPRING	Feb. 1- March 15	April	May
FALL	Aug. 1-Sept. 15	October	December



### APPLICATIONS

One grant award per year



### GRANT AMOUNTS

\$2,500 to \$20,000\*



### REVIEW

Local employees, committed to communities we serve

\*Average grant awarded is around \$5,000

# Frequently Asked Questions

## IS THE RHODE ISLAND ENERGY FOUNDATION THE MAIN VEHICLE FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS ON BEHALF OF RHODE ISLAND ENERGY?

Yes, the majority of future charitable contributions will come from the Rhode Island Energy Foundation, which will continue Rhode Island Energy's commitment to the communities we serve.

While organizations will now be asked to apply for grants, our mission to empower communities remains the same. Additionally, local consideration of requests will ensure that the needs of each community are being met.

## HOW WILL THE GRANT RECIPIENTS BE DECIDED?

All applications will be reviewed by a committee of local Rhode Island Energy employees and the officers and board of the Rhode Island Energy Foundation.

All applications will undergo the same review process, with a focus on whether projects:

- Align with the Rhode Island Energy Foundation's core mission and focus areas of education, inclusion and sustainable communities
- Address an urgent need in the community
- Target underserved populations
- Fill a unique niche or complement other ongoing efforts in the community.

## DO RATEPAYER DOLLARS HELP FUND THE FOUNDATION?

Rhode Island Energy Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization. Funded solely by PPL Corporation, the Foundation was formed to support community initiatives in the areas served by Rhode Island Energy.

## HOW MUCH DOES THE FOUNDATION EXPECT TO AWARD ANNUALLY?

As part of our commitment to support the communities we serve, we will continue to provide charitable support for nonprofits in Rhode Island through annual grant programs, scholarship funding and other nonprofit partnerships.

The Foundation expects to award \$500,000 in grants annually.

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