

How can I get funding?

Our grant programs are evolving in-step with the Five-Year Action Plan.

New programs will be announced later this year, and you'll be able to apply in early 2025.

Our Grants and Community Investments team will continue to connect closely with grantees – providing much more than funding to our community partners. We'll continue to provide support for learning and impact evaluation, technical assistance, capacity building, and more.

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We will continue to offer

- Grants from our programs that are topic- and geography-specific (for example, Newport County Fund Grants, Program for Animal Welfare Grants, and many more).
- Funding to support Rhode Islanders pursuing higher education, personal, and professional development opportunities, through the 50+ scholarship and fellowship programs that we offer.

Three new core grant programs with...

- A simpler application process.
 - For our core grant programs we are instituting a simple pre-application that will allow applicants to submit a brief online form to help us assess if there is a funding opportunity that is a good match for their work.
- More predictability.
 - For our core grant programs we are instituting deadlines for pre-application and second stage application submission.
- Communication improvements.
 - For our core grant programs we will be communicating clear timeframes and expectations for pre-applicants who will move on to a second stage application, and;
 - We will be communicating a clear timeframe for award or denial notifications.

Community Priority

- Accepting pre-applications beginning in January, 2025
- A core Foundation grant program that will primarily provide general operating support to organizations that respond to community priorities, particularly those with a clear equity focus

Catalyst

- Accepting pre-applications during the first half of 2025
- A core Foundation grant program providing larger and multi-year grants to innovative initiatives focused on catalyzing change and lasting progress both within and across community priorities
- Applications that demonstrate strong collaboration among organizations and/or demonstrate a clear equity focus will be prioritized

Capacity Building

- Accepting pre-applications beginning in January, 2025
- A core Foundation grant program providing both funding and technical assistance to support the infrastructure needs of organizations advancing community priorities

Because separately, we can have
impact; but **only together**,
on a solid foundation, can we build
the future we all hope for.

An aerial photograph of the ocean, showing a vast expanse of dark blue water with fine, textured ripples. The lighting is soft, with a slight golden glow visible in the lower-left corner, suggesting the sun is low on the horizon. Centered over the water is the text "Rhode Island Foundation" in a large, white, sans-serif font.

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