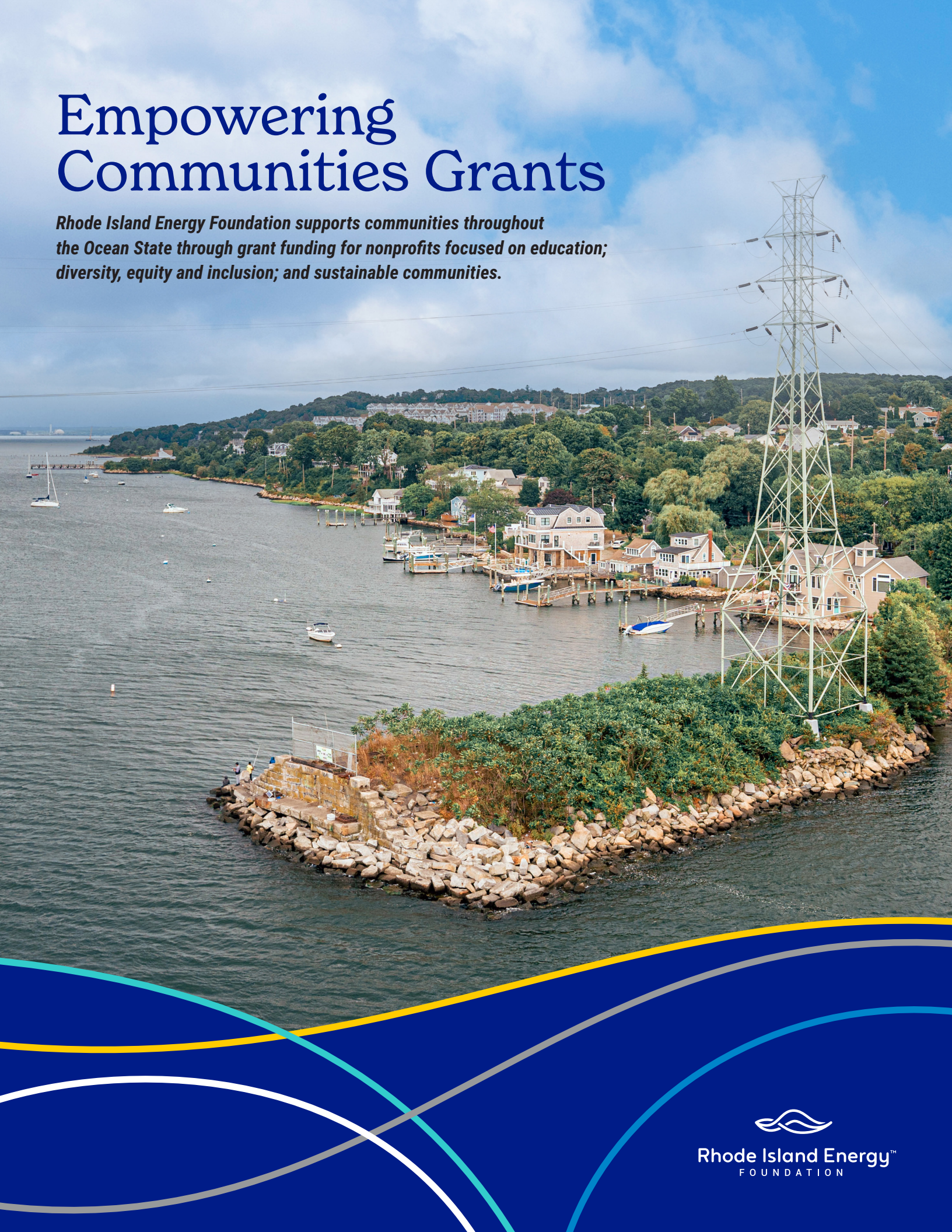


# Empowering Communities Grants

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



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FOUNDATION

# About Us

## RHODE ISLAND ENERGY FOUNDATION

Our mission is to empower communities by supporting student success from cradle to career; advancing diversity, equity and inclusion; and promoting the development of vibrant and sustainable communities.

## 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 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 community leaders and 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 \$1,000 to \$50,000 will be awarded to organizations focused on education; diversity, equity and inclusion; or sustainable communities.

## Focus Areas



### EDUCATION

Building a strong foundation is critical to the success of today's students. Contributions in this area will support equitable and engaging high-quality educational opportunities for all students, with a particular emphasis on those in need. Programs supported through grants include, but are not limited to – early childhood education, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs, literacy, summer learning and career and college preparatory programs.



### DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

We support communities where all are respected, valued and free to reach their full potential in life. Toward that end, the foundation seeks to fund programs expanding opportunities for underserved communities and advancing equity and inclusion.



### SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Sustainable communities are safe, strong, growing and well-positioned to meet residents' current and future needs. Contributions in this area support public safety, emergency and disaster preparedness, environmental conservation initiatives and both social and economic growth.

# Grant Considerations

## WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR A GRANT?

Grant applications will be accepted twice annually:

- January 1 to February 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, with a particular focus on the communities we serve in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

Any nonprofit organization (501c3) working to improve the community through initiatives focused on education; diversity, equity and inclusion; and sustainable communities can apply for a grant.

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

Grant applicants should be located in a region served by Rhode Island Energy. Grant requests from organizations located outside Rhode Island Energy's region may be considered, but the organization should prove that its activities benefit Rhode Island.

## 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 it's Brighter Future Scholarships, which aim to advance diversity, equity and inclusion and attract more women and minorities to careers in engineering, information technology, and tech and trade roles.

## Annual Grant Timeline



**SPRING**

**JANUARY 1 – FEBRUARY 15**  
*Grant applications accepted*



**MARCH-APRIL**  
*Grants reviewed*



**MAY**  
*Grants dispersed*

**FALL**

**AUGUST 1 – SEPTEMBER 15**  
*Grant applications accepted*

**OCTOBER**  
*Grants reviewed*

**DECEMBER**  
*Grants dispersed*

# 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; diversity, equity and 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.

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