PPL Foundation awards $500,000 in grants to support Rhode Island community initiatives

Charitable contributions provide support to 29 nonprofit organizations working to make a difference in communities served by Rhode Island Energy

Providence, RI (Dec. 7, 2022) – The PPL Foundation recently awarded $500,000 in funding to support 29 nonprofit organizations working to improve the lives and well-being of individuals throughout the Ocean State.

This is the inaugural year of the Empowering Communities Grants program, which is funded by the PPL Foundation to help organizations fulfill their missions across all the communities served by Rhode Island Energy.

The foundation's latest investments support initiatives, such as tutoring and mentoring programs for underserved students; a multigenerational community design studio; innovative and affordable housing programs; and environmental conservation and education programs that inspire the next generation of stewards.

"I'm thrilled to see this support for so many organizations across Rhode Island that are helping to improve the communities and customers we serve," said Dave Bonenberger, president of Rhode Island Energy. "The PPL Foundation has a long history supporting non-profits and programs where its utilities operate, and I know the foundation will want to have that same impact here in the Ocean State."

The 2022 PPL Foundation **Empowering Communities Grant** recipients are:

- Amenity Aid
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of RI
- Books are Wings
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Pawtucket
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern RI
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence
- Catholic Social Services of RI
- City Year Providence
- DESIGNxRI
- DownCity Design
- Inspiring Minds
- Jonnycake Center of Westerly
- Leadership RI
- McAuley Ministries
- Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island
- Mt. Hope Learning Center
- Newport County Development Council
- One Neighborhood Builders
- Providence Children's Museum
- RI Community Food Bank
- Save the Bay
- Special Olympics
- The Autism Project
- The Gamm Theatre
- The Learning Community
- Warwick Boys & Girls Clubs
- Year Up
- Young Voices

About the PPL Foundation

Through strategic partnerships, the PPL Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that are engaged in innovative and groundbreaking work to create vibrant, sustainable communities; advance diversity, equity and inclusion; and support children's success from cradle to career in both Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. To learn more, visit pplcares.com.

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