Rhode Island Energy Foundation awards more than $265,000 to support Rhode Island community initiatives

Charitable grants provide support to 24 nonprofit organizations working to make a difference across communities served by Rhode Island Energy.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (*December 3, 2024*) – The Rhode Island Energy Foundation (RIE Foundation) is pleased to announce that it is awarding $267,500 in funding to support 24 nonprofit organizations working to improve the lives and well-being of individuals throughout the Ocean State.

The RIE Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization funded by shareowners of PPL Corporation, Rhode Island Energy's parent company. Since 2022, the organization has awarded over $1 million in grants to organizations across Rhode Island.

"The RIE Foundation is so proud to support the tremendous efforts of the nonprofits in the communities where we work and live," said Greg Cornett, president of Rhode Island Energy and an officer of the RIE Foundation. "These 24 organizations have demonstrated their focus on inspiring change and expanding opportunities for Rhode Islanders – and we know our contributions will help to bolster their important work."

The Empowering Communities grants program supports organizations across communities served by Rhode Island Energy. The program funds organizations focused on education; diversity, equity and inclusion; and sustainable communities.

The RIE Foundation's latest investments will support various initiatives including basic necessities for temporary housing, literacy improvement programs, youth development and employment, early college access and out-of-school programs, from STEM-based education to urban environmental initiatives.

"By providing these resources to Rhode Island organizations, we not only invest in the communities Rhode Island Energy serves, but collectively, we're helping to ensure the betterment of our customers' lives," added Cornett.

Empowering Communities grants for fall 2024, ranging from $5,000 to $25,000, are being awarded to:

• American Red Cross Rhode Island Chapter	• Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island
• Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket	• Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence
• Boys & Girls Clubs of Warwick	• Cape Verdean American Community Development
• Connecting for Children and Families, Inc.	• Federal Hill House Association
• Higher Ground International	• Jonnycake Center of Westerly
• Martin Luther King Community Center	• McAuley Corporation

• Mt. Hope Learning Center	• National Energy Education Development Project (NEED)
• Northern RI Food Pantry	• Onward We Learn
• Providence Public Library	• Read to Succeed, Inc.
• Rhode Island Community Food Bank Association	• Science and Math Investigative Learning Experiences, The SMILE Program
• Society of St. Vincent de Paul Rhode Island	• Southside Community Land Trust
• The Learning Community Charter School	• West Place Animal Sanctuary

This is the second round of grants awarded to Rhode Island organizations this year. The first round of grants was awarded in June. To learn more about RIE Foundation and the Empowering Communities program, click here.

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About the RIE Foundation

The RIE Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization. Funded by PPL Corporation shareowners, the foundation was formed to support community initiatives throughout the Ocean State through grant funding for nonprofits working to create vibrant, sustainable communities; advance diversity, equity and inclusion; and support children's success from cradle to career.

For more information, click here.

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