

# Community Donation Guidelines

*Rockland Trust's philanthropic mission is to strengthen the communities served by the Bank. We enable individuals and their families to access opportunity and improve the quality of their lives.*

## **ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY DONATION PROGRAM**

The purpose of Rockland Trust and Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation's Community Donation program is to support the community programs and initiatives that **do not align** with the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation's grant focus areas.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A COMMUNITY DONATION?**

- Any community-based organization

Rockland Trust and the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation **will not** consider Community Donation requests from the following:

- Organizations that meet the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation's grant giving guidelines and focus areas. If your organization meets these guidelines, you **MUST** submit a grant application to request support and adhere to our grant deadlines.
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, family status, receipt of public assistance, sexual orientation, or gender identity
- Individuals or families
- Political activities, lobbying, or candidates for political office
- Religious organizations (requesting funding for activities with religious purposes)

## **COMMUNITY DONATION FOCUS AREAS**

While we support many different types of funding requests within our community donation program, the bulk of our funding in this area supports the following:

- **Food insecurity**
- **Basic needs**, including access to clothing, rental/utility assistance, etc.
- **Education** – requests from local education foundations, parent teacher organizations (PTOs), etc.
- **Sports team support** (that is not date-specific. Date-specific requests should be submitted as an event sponsorship)
- **Scouting programs** (that is not date-specific. Date-specific requests should be submitted as an event sponsorship)

We **do not** support the following request types through our community donation program:

- Capital requests (renovation or construction of buildings, fields, pools, playgrounds, libraries, etc. **OR** the purchase of equipment or vehicles).
- Requests for specific funding to support a nonprofit's internal diversity, equity and inclusion programs.
- Requests from 501c3 nonprofit organizations that meet our [grant giving guidelines](#)



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## **COMMUNITY DONATION GEOGRAPHIC AREA GUIDELINES**

Organizations must be located in, and serve individuals of, at least one of the following geographic areas:

### **Massachusetts Counties:**

Barnstable  
Bristol  
Dukes  
Essex  
Middlesex  
Nantucket  
Norfolk  
Plymouth  
Suffolk  
Worcester

### **New Hampshire Counties:**

Hillsborough  
Rockingham

### **Rhode Island Counties:**

Bristol  
Kent  
Newport  
Providence  
Washington

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Community donation applications are considered on a rolling basis and are accepted year-round. Community donation applications are accepted **only** via our online portal at: [www.RocklandTrust.com/CharitableGiving](http://www.RocklandTrust.com/CharitableGiving). We will not consider or respond to requests made in-person, or sent via email or mail.

Applications may be saved at any time in the process to resume later. Add [mail@grantapplication.com](mailto:mail@grantapplication.com) to your safe senders list to ensure you receive all system communications.

Please note: Rockland Trust does not typically fund multiple applications (grant, sponsorship or community donation) from the same organization in a single calendar year. Any request will take into consideration funding already received by Rockland Trust, Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation and Enterprise Bank.

## **DECISION TIMELINE**

Rockland Trust and the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation typically responds to community donation applications between six to twelve weeks after the submittal date.

## **FUNDING AMOUNT**

The majority of community donation awards will be less than \$2,500. **Please note:** Community donation support to an organization in one year does not guarantee support in subsequent years.

## **QUESTIONS**

Please send an email to [Charitable.Giving@RocklandTrust.com](mailto:Charitable.Giving@RocklandTrust.com) to ensure the quickest response.