

*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.*

**ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY**

Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation provides grants to 501(c)(3) Public Charities in good standing with the IRS.

The following organization types are ineligible for **grant** support:

- 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
- Single-disease research and/or national support organizations
- Other grantmaking organizations (United Ways, private foundations, community foundations, etc.)
- Organizations where the request will benefit a very limited number of individuals or a single family (such as Habitat for Humanity, Make-a-Wish, etc.)
- Religious organizations (activities for religious purposes)
- Political organizations
- Government agencies, including Town or City departments
- Public schools and educational foundations
- Police, Fire, Labor or Fraternal organizations
- Scouting organizations
- Individuals or families

**GEOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS**

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

Barnstable County, MA  
Bristol County, MA  
Dukes County, MA  
Essex County, MA

Middlesex County, MA  
Nantucket County, MA  
Norfolk County, MA  
Plymouth County, MA

Suffolk County, MA  
Worcester County, MA

Providence County, RI

**GRANT FOCUS AREAS**

The Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation provides program and general operating funding that meet its defined focus areas, listed below, through its grant program. We prioritize our grants to organizations and programs that serve a majority low-to-moderate income population in the following focus areas:

- **Affordable Housing** – priority is given to programs that create and provide safe, affordable housing, or provide programs and services to provide shelter and/or foster homeownership or ensure that individuals and families stay in their current homes, thereby preventing homelessness. Examples of funded programs are:
  - Development of low-to-moderate income housing
  - Emergency home repairs
  - Rental assistance programs
  - Homebuyer education programs
  - Foreclosure prevention and homeowner counseling programs
  - Domestic violence and homeless shelters
  
- **Children & Youth** – priority is given to programs that are preventive in nature and that focus on providing children and youth with equal access and opportunity to programs and services that foster health, wellness, education, and leadership skills to achieve their full potential. Examples of funded programs are:
  - Parenting education and training
  - Early childhood education
  - Social-emotional and mental health, including grief support programs
  - After-school enrichment/tutoring programs in sports, arts, leadership with an educational component
  - Mentoring and literacy programs
  - Access to summer camps for underserved youth
  - Career/College exploration, preparation and support

*Requests for youth sports teams, parent teacher organizations, Scout troops, local scholarships, education foundations, food insecurity/access and basic needs (holiday gifts, backpacks, clothing, etc.) are considered for support through Rockland Trust's Community Donation program.*

- **Financial Education** – support is provided to organizations that offer financial literacy programs, including money management, budgeting, banking, credit building and debt reduction
  
- **Small Business Support** – support is provided to organizations that offer programs to support small, for-profit businesses and entrepreneurial assistance programs that strengthen our communities.

- **Workforce Development** – support of programs/organizations that enable individuals to build employment skills they will need to achieve their potential and become contributing members of society.
  - Adult education, e.g., English as a Second Language
  - Job preparation, training, and placement

### **INELIGIBLE GRANT REQUESTS**

Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation does not support the following request types through its grant program:

- Capital requests (renovation or construction of buildings, fields, pools, playgrounds, libraries, etc. OR the purchase of equipment or vehicles)
- Requests where Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation is the sole funder
- Annual Fund drives or campaigns

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Grant applications are accepted **only** via our online portal. Applications may be saved at any time in the process to resume later. We highly recommend that you create a WORD file of your responses to copy and paste as needed.

Add [mail@grantapplication.com](mailto:mail@grantapplication.com) to your safe senders list to ensure you receive all system communications.

The following attachments are **REQUIRED** for review and consideration of your grant application:

- IRS Letter of Determination documenting the 501(c)(3) Public Charity status
- Organization's signed W-9
- List of Organization's Board and/or Advisory Members with professional affiliations
- Organization's Current Fiscal Year Budget
- Organization's Most Recent Audit, *if required to file one with the IRS, Unaudited financial statements are required if you are not required to file an audit or you do not have an audit for your most recent fiscal year end.*
- Proposed Project Budget *if applying for project support*

### **FUNDING AMOUNT**

Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation's average grant amount is \$5,000, but can range from \$2,500 - \$10,000+. Grants of more than \$10,000, including multi-year commitments, will be supported by a grant agreement signed by the grantee. The Foundation reserves the right to make grants in multi-year installments, usually 2-3 years. Grant support of an organization in one year does not guarantee support in subsequent years.

**GRANT APPLICATION TIMELINE**

Our grant program opens on January 1 and closes for the calendar year on Friday, October 10, 2025 at 11:59pm EST. **Grant applications are accepted and reviewed *on a rolling basis*.** We ***STRONGLY*** encourage organizations to not wait to apply until the program closure date.

Organizations should expect to receive a response to an application with a determination between six to twelve weeks after the submittal date.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation only requires grant reports for awards of \$10,000 or more and multi-year grants.

**QUESTIONS**

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