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BankRI Sends \$100,750 in Grants to Local Nonprofits

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Bank Rhode Island (BankRI) has made a significant investment in the community, awarding a total of \$100,750 in charitable grants to nonprofits throughout the state. The grants were received by 28 organizations and will help to fund a wide range of initiatives, including children’s education, workforce development, arts-based programs, and human services. Awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

“Every day, in one way or another, nonprofits have an impact on our lives and the lives of our families, friends and neighbors,” said Mark J. Meiklejohn, BankRI’s president and CEO. “They help to teach children; care for our seniors; encourage the arts, and offer assistance when times are tough. And that is important work for us to support.”

Among the grantee organizations is **Rhode Island PBS Foundation**. It will use the funds to support its Education Services department, which converts award-winning content from the station’s locally-produced shows into curriculum suitable for use in K-12 classrooms in historically low-income neighborhoods. This element of RI PBS’ work is funded entirely by philanthropy and allows for its local programming, reflective of our state and its people, to be integrated into the school curriculum in core communities.

“This is a grant that really helps to move the needle – we are beyond grateful for BankRI’s generosity,” said David W. Piccerelli, president of Rhode Island PBS. “Their commitment to invest in providing unique learning opportunities for students enhances our mission to enrich and engage our community in lifelong learning. This funding will go a long way to support the education services and digital content that reaches students across Rhode Island.”

Roger Williams Park Conservancy also received funding. Its grant will help to fund the addition of more culturally-specific programs for the many diverse, Spanish-speaking families who live in the surrounding Providence area. Some of the events being planned include Spanish-language nature walks and musical performances that represent the Dominican and Puerto Rican cultures of nearby neighborhoods. This year marks the 150th birthday of the Park.

“The neighborhoods around the Park were among the hardest hit in the state over these past two years, and we are eager use the Park’s beauty to restore community connections that the pandemic strained,” said Kevin Essington, executive director of Roger Williams Park Conservancy. “Partnerships are vital to both our Park’s history and its future, and BankRI’s financial support is making it possible for us to take this effort to the next level.”

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A complete list of funded organizations is as follows:

Adoption Rhode Island	Dare to Dream Ranch	Junior Achievement of RI	Reach Out & Read
Artists Exchange	Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County	Narragansett Historical Society	Rhode Island Hospital
Back to School Celebration of RI	Family Service RI	New Urban Arts	Rhode Island PBS Foundation
Books Are Wings	Federal Hill House	Pawtucket Central Falls Development	Roger Williams Park Conservancy
Children's Friend	Friends Way	Prout School	Scholarship Foundation of East Providence
CCRI	Inspiring Minds	Providence Country Day School	Sophia Academy
Contemporary Theater Company	John E. Fogarty Foundation	Providence Public Library	United Methodist Elder Care

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