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BankRI Provides \$115,600 to Rhode Island Nonprofits

31 organizations receive grants to support community-based programs

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Nearly three dozen nonprofits in the Ocean State have received a boost in funding thanks to Bank Rhode Island (BankRI). In support of community-based programs that serve Rhode Islanders across the state, the Bank awarded a total of \$115,600 in charitable grants to 31 organizations.

The grants support programs that help families in crisis meet their basic needs, provide educational opportunities for students in Rhode Island’s urban core, improve access to the arts for underserved communities, and more.

“It is important to BankRI that we prioritize giving back to the community and support organizations that are making a difference in the lives of others,” said **Will Tsonos, President and CEO of BankRI**. “When Rhode Islanders need an extra hand during a difficult time, they often turn to their local nonprofit. We want to help ensure those organizations have the resources they need to deliver their services.”

Among the funded organizations is **Feed RI**, which received \$2,500 to support its statewide hunger relief and food rescue efforts as the nonprofit continues to see an increase in demand for its services. What began as a two-person operation 15 years ago has grown to a dynamic nonprofit that feeds 3,500 Rhode Islanders monthly through three distinct initiatives.

Feed RI operates Hope Market within its 23,000 sq. ft. facility, which is open daily for individuals and families to visit and select nutritious food items. They also run “Feed the Future,” a program that stocks food pantries in 16 Rhode Island schools to ensure students have reliable access to food during school hours and beyond. And they offer “Hope on the Rhode,” delivering pallets of food weekly to partner organizations across the state who distribute to their communities.

“Each week we’re seeing new families shocked to be in the position of seeking food assistance – the face of hunger has changed, they are our neighbors, co-workers, and the families of our kid’s classmates,” said **Johanna Corcoran, FeedRI’s Executive Director**. “It is only thanks to support from the community and companies like BankRI that we’re able to maximize the number of people we can serve, especially at a time of growing need.”

The complete list of organizations to receive grant funding from BankRI is:

- Beacon Charter Schools
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island

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- Childhood Lead Action Project

- City of Cranston
- City of Pawtucket
- Feed RI
- Good Neighbors Community Kitchen and Food Pantry
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- Nonviolence Institute
- Operation Stand Down Rhode Island
- Providence Animal Rescue League
- Providence Children’s Film Festival
- Reach Out and Read Rhode Island
- Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness
- Rhode Island College Foundation
- Rhode Island Free Clinic
- Rhode Island Hospitality Association
- Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra & Music School
- Rhode Island Public Expenditures Council
- Rhode Island Senior Games
- Rhode Islanders Sponsoring Education
- Salve Regina University
- School One
- Southside Community Land Trust
- Stages of Freedom
- Teach for America Rhode Island
- The Prout School
- The Steel Yard
- Trinity Repertory Company
- West Elmwood Development Corporation
- Youth Pride

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