Rhode Island Strategy Grants

support projects that address significant community challenges and strive for impact, with an emphasis on serving disadvantaged Rhode Islanders.

### [**What we fund**](http://www.rifoundation.org/WorkingTogether/ForNonprofits/GrantOpportunities/StrategyGrants.aspx#la-313588-what-we-fund)

Strategy grants are awarded in seven key funding areas. For each area, we have developed a specific focus, an important issue or concern that we believe our available grant resources can most effectively address. Our priority funding areas are our three strategic initiatives:

* [**Educational success**](http://www.rifoundation.org/TransformingRhodeIsland/FoundationStrategy/EducationalSuccess.aspx): improve educational outcomes for all public school students
* [**Healthy lives**](http://www.rifoundation.org/TransformingRhodeIsland/FoundationStrategy/HealthyLives.aspx): improve access to and quality of primary care for all Rhode Islanders
* [**Economic security**](http://www.rifoundation.org/TransformingRhodeIsland/FoundationStrategy/EconomicSecurity.aspx): improve Rhode Island’s environment for economic growth so all Rhode Islanders can prosper
* **Children and families**: a strong continuum of care for children and families through evidence-based practices and systems reform

To apply for a strategy grant, your work must align with one of these sectors and the corresponding focus area. This allows us to cluster grant investments for maximum impact – creating opportunities for more productive evaluation, convening of grantees, and other assistance. We make strategy grants for program support, organizational development and capacity building efforts, and advocacy or systems reform initiatives. We provide general operating support to organizations that are central to progress in one or more of the seven sectors described above. Typically, general operating is per invitation of a program officer.

### [**What we don't fund**](http://www.rifoundation.org/WorkingTogether/ForNonprofits/GrantOpportunities/StrategyGrants.aspx#la-313589-what-we-dont-fund)

Strategy grants are awarded for charitable purposes primarily to nonprofit organizations or public entities. The Foundation does not fund individuals. We rarely commit to multi-year grant awards. We review your application according to the following criteria:

1. **Alignment**: Your proposal aligns well with our sector strategies and/or available funds.
2. **Potential impact**: You have articulated measurable outcomes and demonstrated an organizational commitment to learning.
3. **Implementation plan**: You have presented a convincing workplan, timeline, and budget for implementation.
4. **Organizational strength**: We seek grantees who have a strong programmatic track record, good business model, strong leadership, sound financials, and solid evaluative and planning practices. We recognize that organizations may be in different phases of maturity, but we want to see evidence that you are mindful of your organizational health.

**Step 1.** Make sure you qualify! [Visit the website here](http://www.rifoundation.org/WorkingTogether/ForNonprofits/GrantOpportunities/StrategyGrants.aspx#313590-criteria) or copy and paste the below link

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**Step. 2** Reach out to Action Based Learning Consultant, to discuss and prepare a proposal specific to your program!