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The State's Division of Planning is pleased to provide this guide for local officials throughout Rhode Island. The purpose of the Handbook is to provide an easy reference to the numerous state grants administered by various State Departments, Boards and Commissions. It is not intended to be a substitute for the rules and procedures governing the awarding of individual grants.

The handbook includes the following:

- Name of State Department or Agency responsibly for administering the grant program
- A brief description of the program including its stated purposes and goals
- The name, address, and telephone numbers of the person or persons that should be contacted (included emails and fax numbers)
- A summary of any requirements which cities and towns must meet to be eligible for the grants.
- Dates by which applications must be submitted and any other calendar or timetable information which would be helpful to municipal officials

As the Planning Division becomes aware of additional grants and financial awards, they will be listed on our website. This Handbook was prepared by the Planning Division's Office of Local Government Assistance. Any suggested additions or corrections to this Handbook should be directed to:

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# ARTS

**Department/Agency:** Rhode Island State Council on the Arts

**Division/Office (if applicable):**

**Name of Program:** Project Grants - Education

**Description:** This category provides grants to school to support art or art-related activities, including artist-in-residency programs at the K-12 level.

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**Eligible Applicants:** School Departments, City and Town Governments and Educational Non-profit Organizations

**Eligible Uses:** Artist-in-Residency Programs; Professional development for arts educators and administrators

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Programs are keyed to new support schools working on new state graduation requirements

**Amount Available Statewide:** Varies each year – Approximately \$60,000 for entire category

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** October 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> annually.

# ARTS

**Department/Agency:** Rhode Island State Council on the Arts

**Division/Office (if applicable):**

**Name of Program:** Project Grants - Organizations

**Description:** This program provides grants to local governments (as well as non-profit organizations) to support art or art-related activities.

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**Eligible Applicants:** City and Town Governments; Non-profit Organizations

**Eligible Uses:** Examples include local concert series in a park, art classes, and exhibitions of art work in local city and town halls.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** All activities must be open to the public and must take place in accessible locations

**Amount Available Statewide:** Varies each year – Approximately \$100,000 for entire category.

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** October 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> annually.

# ARTS

**Department/Agency:** Rhode Island State Council on the Arts

**Division/Office (if applicable):**

**Name of Program:** RI Comprehensive Arts Proficiency Planning (RICAPP)

**Description:** This program provides grants to schools to assist in meeting the State's new arts high school graduation requirements.

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**Eligible Applicants:** All public Rhode Island high schools

**Eligible Uses:** Funds may be used for such activities as development of electronic portfolios, professional development, and student assessments.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Programs are keyed to support schools working on the new state graduation requirements.

**Amount Available Statewide:** Varies each year – Approximately \$20,000 for entire program

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Ongoing – Applications due 1<sup>st</sup> of every Month.

# COASTAL RESOURCES

**Department/Agency:** RI Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC)

**Division/Office:** Policy and Planning

**Name of Program:** State Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Program and Trust Fund

**Description:** In 1996, following the North Cape oil spill, Lt. Governor Charles Fogarty introduced legislation establishing the Oil Spill Prevention Administration and Response Act (OSPAR). An oil spill response fund was created through a 5-cent fee on each barrel of petroleum products shipped into the state, along with any civil and criminal fines assessed. The fund may not exceed \$10 million.

Legislation passed in July of 2003 created a Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration Program and Trust Fund restricted solely to fund habitat restoration projects by amending OSPAR. Under the change, the trust fund would receive a legislative appropriation in FY 03 of \$250,000 of the monies generated through the 5-cent tax. The fund is also eligible to accept private donations and federal matching grants.

The money has been made available through a competitive grant application process administered by CRMC for projects aimed at improving coastal habitats. These projects have been submitted to an advisory committee charged with evaluating them under a newly developed Statewide Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration Plan and have, in turn, been prioritized to receive funding. The advisory committee, comprised of public, agency, legislative and stakeholder participation, developed a CRMC approved plan that incorporates the following elements: a description of the state's coastal and estuarine habitats, restoration goals, inventory of restoration projects, projected comprehensive budget and timeline to complete the goals, funding sources, an outreach element, and provisions for updating the plan and project inventory. Members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) are representative of the following agencies, organizations, and institutions: the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography, the Department of Environmental Management's Office of Sustainable Watersheds, Narragansett Bay Estuary Program, Environmental Protection Agency Region 1, NOAA's Fisheries Restoration Center, DEM Fish and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife, Save The Bay, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, DEM Mosquito Abatement, and Coastal Resources Management Council (Chair).

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**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible applicants include cities and towns; any committee, board, or commission chartered by a city or town; nonprofit corporations; civic groups; educational institutions; and state agencies.

**Eligible Uses:** According to the plan, habitat restoration grant monies are dispersed in accordance with §46-23.1-5(2) which allocates funding for design, planning, construction or monitoring. Funding may not be used for mitigation purposes.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Factors to be taken into account by the Technical Advisory Committee for the purposes of granting monies for estuary and coastal habitat restoration activities, determining the eligibility of an estuary and coastal habitat restoration projects for financial assistance, and in prioritizing the selection of estuary and coastal habitat restoration projects by the Technical Advisory Committee (Rhode Island Habitat Restoration Team) shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) consistency with the state estuary and coastal habitat restoration strategy, the Narragansett Bay comprehensive conservation and management plan, the state coastal non-point pollution control plan, the coastal resources management program, the department of environmental management regulations, the anadromous fish restoration plan, and pertinent elements of the state guide plan;
- (2) the proposed timeline of the project (projects slated to begin sooner rather than later will be given greater preference);
- (3) the ability of the applicant to provide adequate personnel funding, and authority to carry out and properly maintain the estuary and coastal habitat restoration activity;
- (4) the proposed monitoring plan to ensure that short-term and long-term restoration goals are achieved; a final report given back to the TAC outlining project accomplishments;
- (5) the effectiveness of any non-point source pollution management efforts upstream and the likelihood of re-impairment;
- (6) whether the estuary and coastal habitat restoration activity can be shown to improve or replace habitat losses that benefit fish and wildlife resources;
- (7) potential water quality improvements;
- (8) potential improvements to or replacements of fish and wildlife habitats for species which are identified as rare or endangered by the Rhode Island Natural History Survey or the federal Endangered Species Act;
- (9) the level and extent of collaboration by partners (e.g., municipality, nongovernmental organization, watershed council, federal agency, etc.);
- (10) potential direct economic and educational benefits to a community or the state; and
- (11) ability of applicant to secure matching funds, whether the funds be NGO, state or federal dollars.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$250,000 annually via legislative appropriation

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Pre-applications are solicited every September and must include a letter of inquiry with: (1) the name of the restoration project, (2) location of the project (town and street address), (3) a budget, indicating amount requested from the program, (4) property ownership information, (5) restoration project manager contact information (phone, email address and mailing address), and (6) organization(s) responsible for the project. All contributing organizations for the project should be listed. If the project is being matched by federal grant or grants, the grant programs, amounts, and granting agencies must be included.

**Award Process:**

- October 14, 200X: Pre-proposals due, outlining potential projects
- November 1, 200X: Program responds to pre-proposals, requests full applications for projects selected for further consideration
- December 16, 200X: Full applications due
- January 30, 200X: Notification of awards

# COASTAL RESOURCES

**Department/Agency:** Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, administering the grant on behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

**Division/Office:** Policy and Planning

**Name of Program:** The Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)

**Description:** The Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) was established in 2002 to protect coastal and estuarine lands considered important for their ecological, conservation, recreational, historical or aesthetic values. The program provides state and local governments with matching funds to purchase significant coastal and estuarine lands, or conservation easements on such lands, from willing sellers. Lands or conservation easements acquired with CELCP funds are protected in perpetuity so that they may be enjoyed by future generations.

Coastal states with a coastal management program or national estuarine research reserve approved under the Coastal Zone Management Act may participate in the CELCP. According to the federal CELCP guidelines, a state must have an approved CELCP plan in order to compete for funding. As the state's lead agency for coastal management issues, the R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council (RICRMC) has developed the Rhode Island CELCP in coordination with the R.I. Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), the University of Rhode Island (URI) Coastal Resources Center, and Rhode Island Sea Grant, with involvement from other state agencies and major users of the coast.

The purpose of the CELCP is to assess Rhode Island's priority land conservation needs and provide clear guidance to applicants for nominating and selecting land conservation projects within the state.

Please refer to the federal guidelines of the grant:

<http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/pdf/CELCPfinal02Guidelines.pdf>

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**Eligible Applicants:** To be eligible for funding under the CELCP, a project must:

- be located in a coastal or estuarine area included within RI's approved CELC plan and meet the national criteria (see: <http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/pdf/CELCPfinal02Guidelines.pdf>);
- match federal CELCP funds with non-federal funds at a ratio of 1:1;

- be held in public ownership (fee simple or conservation easements) and provide conservation in perpetuity; and
- provide for access to the general public or other public benefit, as appropriate and consistent with resource protection.

Although government and non-government entities, including non-profit organizations, may partner in the acquisition project, only the following state or local governmental agencies are eligible to receive CELCP funds and hold title to purchased lands:

- Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
- Any of the 21 coastal communities within the Rhode Island CELCP boundary: Westerly, Charlestown, South Kingstown, Narragansett, North Kingstown, East Greenwich, Warwick, Cranston, Pawtucket, Providence, East Providence, Barrington, Warren, Bristol, Tiverton, Little Compton, Jamestown, Portsmouth, Middletown, Newport, and New Shoreham.

**Eligible Uses:** NOAA’s CELCP will award funds to RICRMC. CELCP funds may be used to purchase 1)lands or 2)conservation easements. A property (or conservation easement) must be held by an eligible public entity, be managed for long-term conservation, and provide public access or other public benefit.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Upon initial notification from NOAA of the availability of CELCP funding, and following review of any specific NOAA selection criteria different from, or in addition to, what is already discussed in the CELCP guidelines, the RICRMC will prepare and distribute a CELCP Request for Applications (RFA). This initial RFA will be the primary mechanism through which potential acquisition projects would be solicited. The RFA will be sent to all state agencies with an interest in using CELCP funds, regional planning agencies with jurisdiction in the coastal zone, land trusts, watershed associations, the 21 coastal communities within the Rhode Island CELCP geographic boundary, and other interested parties. The RFA will also be posted on both the RICRMC and the Department of Administration web pages.

**Amount Available Statewide:** Annual average of \$1,300,000.

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Following the application submittal deadline of March 1st, a CELCP proposal review committee will be established by RICRMC to help review and rank proposals. Possible members may include both state and federal agencies including RICRMC (chair), RIDEM (including the Narragansett Bay Estuarine Research Reserve), R.I. Statewide Planning, Narragansett Bay Estuary Program, National Resources Conservation Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Involvement at an advisory capacity by nonprofit organizations and coastal users may be considered. Projects will be ranked primarily by the extent to which they satisfy the evaluation criteria contained in the RFA. Once the prioritization is complete, RICRMC and other state agencies will work with the selected project proponents to ensure that each of the selected applications are as competitive as possible before they are included in the Rhode Island comprehensive CELCP proposal package to NOAA.

All applications must be submitted electronically by CRMC through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Department:** Department of Administration

**Division/Office:** Division of Planning, Office of Housing and Community Development

**Name of Program:** State (Small Cities) Community Development Block Grant Program

**Description:** Grants are provided to municipalities for a multitude of activities, all Designed to meet a “national objective”, the primary of which is predominate benefit to low/moderate income persons.

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**Eligible Applicants:** All Rhode Island cities and towns except the CDBG Entitlement communities of Cranston, East Providence, Pawtucket, Providence, Warwick and Woonsocket which receive CDBG allocations directly from HUD.

**Eligible Uses:** CDBG may be used for a broad range of activities, including (but not limited to) housing, economic development, community facility/improvements, public services, slums and blight removal and planning.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:**

- Funds are distributed through an annual competitive process.
- The State CDBG program’s priorities are housing, economic development and “neighborhood revitalization”.
- “Neighborhood Revitalization” is a program which addresses the needs of a designated distressed area comprehensively.

**Amount Available Statewide:** Approx. \$5 million annually

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Applications Distributed: Winter (January/February)  
Applications Due: Late Spring

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Department:** Administration

**Division/Office:** Planning/Statewide Planning Program

**Name of Program:** Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)  
USED A Public Works and Development Facilities Grants

**Description:** This office manages the CEDS program, which helps screen development proposals from municipalities, public agencies, academic institutions and non-profits for possible funding through the U.S. Economic Development Administration (USED A). The proposals are solicited, scored, and submitted for review by the State Planning Council.

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**Eligible Applicants:** City and town governments; state/municipal agencies; institutions of higher learning; nonprofit development groups.

**Eligible Uses:** Construction, design and engineering studies, pilot projects, infrastructure improvements. Workforce training/development is encouraged.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Benefit economically distressed areas and/or mitigate impact of major economic dislocation (loss of jobs of major employer in area).

**Amount Available Statewide:** EDA grants vary; the range has been \$150K - \$2 million (for construction projects).

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** For CEDS, early May (typically the first Friday). Projects are generally slated for funding in future Federal fiscal years, which begin October 1<sup>st</sup>.

# **FIRE SERVICE**

**Department:** Environmental Management

**Division/Office:** Forest Environment

**Name of Program:** Volunteer Fire Assistance

**Description:** The purpose of the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program, formerly known as the Rural Community Fire Protection (RCFP) Program, is to provide Federal financial, technical, and other assistance to State foresters and other appropriate officials to organize, train, and equip fire departments in rural areas and rural communities to prevent and suppress fires. A rural community is defined as having 10,000 or less population. This 10,000 population limit for participation in the VFA Program facilitates distribution of available VFA funding to the most needy fire departments.

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**Eligible Applicants:** Following are examples of eligibility requirements for use of VFA funding.

A single fire department serving a rural area or a rural community with a population of 10,000 or less is eligible (latest Census).

Area fire departments (fire districts, townships, etc.) may serve an aggregate population of greater than 10,000 as long as the service area of the fire department includes a rural area or a rural community having a population of 10,000 or less. The VFA funding must be used to benefit the rural population.

A single county or town with a population over 10,000 that is served by two or more fire districts operating entirely within the bounds of the county or town may qualify as long as the service area of a given fire department includes a rural area or a rural community or the population of the fire department's jurisdiction is 10,000 or less. The VFA funding must be used for the rural area.

A single community with a population greater than 10,000 and having a single fire department with one or more fire stations may qualify. The fire department must have a service area that includes a rural area or community that does not exceed 10,000 population. The VFA funding must be used only for the benefit of the rural population. Similarly a single community with a population greater than 10,000 that also provides fire protection to an adjoining rural community of 10,000 or less population by contract, may also be eligible provided the VFA funding is used entirely to support the rural community.

A single community fire department serving a population greater than 10,000 and not providing protection to a rural area or to a rural community is not eligible for VFA financial assistance.

**Eligible Uses:** For this grant the following items or functions will be eligible:

- a. Wild land personnel protection equipment
- b. Pumps and/or their equipment used in wild land suppression
- c. Skid units
- d. Class A foam used in wild land fire suppression
- e. Equipment for foam application
- f. Hand or power tools used in wild land suppression
- g. Wild land fire training

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Same as eligibility requirements

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$80,000

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** To be announced

# HEALTH

**Department/Agency:** Department of Health

**Division/Office:** Community Health & Equity

**Name of Program:** Tobacco Control Program (TCP)

**Description:** The TCP has four major goals, which were adopted by the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control and endorsed by a statewide coalition:

1. Preventing the initiation of tobacco use among young people;
2. Promoting quitting among young people and adults;
3. Eliminating nonsmokers' exposure to secondhand smoke; and
4. Identifying and eliminating the disparities related to tobacco use and its effects among different population groups.

Comprehensive Community Tobacco Control Projects or Small Community Grants, which provide a wide variety of activities that promote the goals of preventing smoking initiation, reducing exposure to secondhand smoke, and increasing quitting.

Additional Tobacco Control Projects will be available through a Request for Proposal to be issued in September or October 2008.

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**Eligible Applicants:** Community-based public or non-profit agencies

**Eligible Uses:** To work on a variety of tobacco control projects.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:**

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$2,351,800 as a combination of funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and State of RI Legislature Appropriated Funding.

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** To be announced

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION

**Department/Agency:** RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

**Division/Office (if applicable):**

**Name of Program:** Certified Local Government Grants

**Description:** Certified Local Government Grants are federal 50% matching grants for survey and planning projects.

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**Eligible Applicants:** Municipalities that are “certified local governments” by the National Park Service. As of 8/1/08, this includes Bristol, Cranston, Cumberland, East Greenwich, Glocester, Hopkinton, New Shoreham, Newport, North Kingstown, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Providence, South Kingstown, and Warwick; private non-profit organizations can work with CLG municipalities on grant applications.

**Eligible Uses:** Eligible projects include identification and evaluation of significant historic and archaeological properties, the nomination of eligible properties to the National Register, historic preservation plans and certain education-related activities.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** All projects must be carried out in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

**Amount Available Statewide:** About \$50,000/year

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Applications are available in mid-September and are due in mid-December each year.

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION

**Department/Agency:** RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

**Division/Office (if applicable):**

**Name of Program:** State Preservation Grants

**Description:** The State Preservation Grants fund capital preservation work at public historic sites, museums, and cultural art centers located in historic structures in the State of Rhode Island. As a matching grant program, State Preservation Grants stimulate broader support and participation in historic preservation projects statewide. Grants range from \$5000 to \$100,000.

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Web: [www.preservation.ri.gov](http://www.preservation.ri.gov)

**Eligible Applicants:** Municipal and state agencies; non-profit organizations; federally-recognized Indian tribes.

**Eligible Uses:** Capital improvements, defined as preservation, restoration, or rehabilitation expenditures that permanently improve or significantly extend the useful life of the historic property.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Applicants must own or operate the property. The property must be open to the public no less than twelve (12) days per year. The property must be historic, defined as listed in the State Register or eligible for listing in the State Register. The project must conform to the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. For more information about requirements, see the SPG guidelines.

**NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE**

# HOUSING

**Department:** Department of Administration

**Division/Office:** Division of Planning, Office of Housing and Community Development

**Name of Program:** State Consolidated Homeless Fund

**Description:** Grants are provided to non-profits and municipalities to support emergency shelter and service programs for the homeless.

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Fax: (401) 222-2083  
Website: [www.hrc.ri.gov](http://www.hrc.ri.gov)

**Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofits and Rhode Island municipalities.

**Eligible Uses:** CHF may be used to fund operating, service, homeless prevention and rehabilitation costs associated with a program serving the homeless.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:**

- Funds are distributed through an annual competitive process.
- Distribution of these resources is coordinated with the other state homeless funding administered by this office.

**Amount Available Statewide:** Approx. \$3 Million annually

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Applications Distributed: Winter (January/February)  
Applications Due: Spring (May)

# HOUSING

**Department:** Administration

**Division/Office:** Planning/Office of Housing & Community Development

**Name of Program:** Neighborhood Opportunities Program (N.O.P.)

**Description:** N.O.P. consist of three programs – the Family Housing Fund; Permanent Supportive Housing; and the Building Better Communities Fund.

**Program Contact Information:**

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E-mail: [rneirinckx@doa.ri.gov](mailto:rneirinckx@doa.ri.gov)

Website: [www.hrc.ri.gov](http://www.hrc.ri.gov)

**Eligible Applicants:** Municipalities, housing authorities, non-profit and for-profit developers

**Eligible Uses:** Capital grants and an operating subsidy for ten years in rental housing projects only.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Production of affordable housing.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$7.5 Million

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Twice a year (Fall-Spring)

# HOUSING

**Department:** Administration

**Division/Office:** Planning/Office of Housing & Community Development

**Name of Program:** Building Homes Rhode Island Program

**Description:** Provide resources to finance the creation of affordable homes and apartments.

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E-mail: [rneirinckx@doa.ri.gov](mailto:rneirinckx@doa.ri.gov)      Website: [www.hrc.ri.gov](http://www.hrc.ri.gov)

**Eligible Applicants:** Non-Profits, For-Profits, Community Housing Development Organizations, limited partnerships, municipalities, Public Housing Authorities, Redevelopment Agencies and joint ventures.

**Eligible Uses:** Approved development costs including acquisition, construction financing, on-site infrastructure, and soft costs. Deferred loans are provided to finance rental developments; forgivable loans are provided to finance owner-occupied homeownership projects.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Production of affordable housing: 20% for owner-occupied, homeownership; 80% for rental.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$12.5 million/annually  
(\$10 million homeownership; \$2.5 million rental)

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Once each fiscal year, minimally, an RFP will be issued.

# HOUSING

**Department/Agency:** Rhode Island Housing

**Division/Office:** Development

**Name of Program:** HOME Program

**Description:** Federal assistance for acquisition, rehabilitation and new construction of affordable housing.

**Program Contact Information:**

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Website: [www.rhodeislandhousing.org](http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org)

**Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofit, for-profit & public orgs, inc municipalities

**Eligible Uses:** Acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction of affordable rental and homeownership units. All units Deed Restricted and restricted to low and very low-income households. Rent and sale price limitations also apply.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Highly competitive application process. Program provides gap financing for projects that are ready to commence within 6 months. Maximum annual per sponsor/per municipality is \$500,000.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$5,000,000.

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Generally January, and if any remaining funds, then also June.

# HOUSING

**Department:** Department of Elderly Affairs

**Division/Office:** Community & Planning Services

**Name of Program:** Housing for the Elderly Security Grant Program

**Description:** As mandated by RIGL 42-66.1-8, DEA administers this program which requires that every public and private housing complex designated as housing for the elderly in R.I. establish and maintain a security system. These may vary among the 208 sites but each must maintain a secure entry system and install cameras at all first floor entrances/exits. DEA administers a Housing Security Grant program with funds authorized by the State Legislature to assist sites to install/upgrade equipment and provide security guards at sites determined to need this coverage. This program also provides training on issues related to the safety and security of the elderly and disabled residents for management and other housing staff including a quarterly Housing Security Journal.

**Program Contact Information:**

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E-mail: [jtorrice@dea.state.ri.us](mailto:jtorrice@dea.state.ri.us) Website: [www.dea.ri.gov](http://www.dea.ri.gov)

**Eligible Applicants:** All 208 sites designated as housing for the elderly in R. I. and who are in compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Security for Housing for the Elderly are eligible to apply for the RFP issued annually in May.

**Eligible Uses:** Security equipment (noted above as well as such other equipment as DVRs, exterior lighting, etc) and security guards.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:**

**Amount Available Statewide:**

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** May

# HOUSING

**Department/Agency:** Rhode Island Housing

**Division/Office:** Policy

**Name of Program:** Targeted Assistance Grants (TAG)

**Description:** Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to nonprofit and public organizations to assist in the planning of neighborhoods and developments that will provide low- and moderate-income housing. A 50% match to the total budget is required. Grants may be used for a range of activities that facilitate the development of low- and moderate-income housing, but should not be used to fund actual development activity for which other funding sources, such as predevelopment grants, are available.

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Website: [www.rhodeislandhousing.org](http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org)

**Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofit & public organizations, including municipalities

**Eligible Uses:** Assist in the planning of neighborhoods and developments that will provide low- and moderate-income housing.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** A 50% match to the total budget is required; no more than \$10,000.00 per organization allowed.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$200,000.00

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Rolling applications as received.

# **LABOR & TRAINING**

**Department/Agency:** Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

**Division/Office:** State Workforce Investment Office

**Name of Program:** Workforce Investment Act

**Description:** Funds provided by federal government to provide job training and other services to Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Youth populations.

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Website: [www.dlt.ri.gov/WIO/](http://www.dlt.ri.gov/WIO/)

**Eligible Applicants:** Universal Access; however, the State has established the following goals for service levels for priority populations who are in training; (1) a minimum of 12 percent for individuals with disabilities for adult and youth clients; (2) a minimum level of 35 percent with a additional goal of achieving 65 percent for economically disadvantaged and recipients of public assistance; and (3) others with multiple barriers to employment and training to include but not limited to ex-offenders, basic skill deficient, homeless, etc. Local plans indicate how these goals will be achieved for the populations listed above.

**Eligible Uses:** Assist customer in finding suitable employment; provide testing, assessment, case management, placement assistance, and occupational skills training. There is a work first philosophy.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Limited funding, training opportunities are based on assessment of the customers suitability for training.

**Amount Available Statewide:** Between \$8.5M and \$11M annually (currently \$11,140,455)

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Open

# **LIBRARY SERVICES**

**Department/Agency:** Administration

**Division/Office:** Office of Library and Information Services

**Name of Program:** Public Library Construction Reimbursement

**Description:** Program reimburses up to 50% of the eligible costs of the construction or renovation of public library facilities in areas where facilities are inadequate for the development of good library services. Eligible costs include actual construction/renovation costs, architect and consultant fees, site acquisition, and furnishings and equipment within the parameters established by the Library Board of Rhode Island. The program also reimburses the interest cost actually incurred as a result of having to borrow the state's portion of the total cost of the library project.

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Website: [www.olis.ri.gov/grants/construction/](http://www.olis.ri.gov/grants/construction/)

**Eligible Applicants:** Free public libraries

**Eligible Uses:** Construction and/or capital improvements to public library facilities.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** The applying library must be legally established as a public library in accordance with RIGL 29-4 and eligible for state library aid in accordance with RIGL 29-6. Regulations for reimbursement and priorities for funding are established by the Library Board of Rhode Island; the program is administered by the Office of Library and Information Services. 100% of the funding for the project must be secured before the State enters into an agreement to reimburse the project; reimbursement takes place over a period of up to twenty years following the successful completion, acceptance and audit of the project.

**Amount Available Statewide:** By Fiscal Year 2009, the State may reimburse up to \$5,000,000 annually in total payments for completed library construction/renovation projects. (This amount does not reflect the amount that could be awarded to specific projects in any given year.)

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Ongoing

# MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

**Department/Agency:** Secretary of State

**Division/Office:** State Archives Division

**Name of Program:** Local Government Records Program–Local Government Records Grants

**Description:** The purpose of the Local Government Records Grant is to better preserve and provide access to historical municipal records, to educate and train records custodians, and to support municipal archival and records management program development and enhancement.

**Program Contact Information:**

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337 Westminster Street

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Fax: (401) 222-3199

E-mail: [archives@sec.state.ri.us](mailto:archives@sec.state.ri.us)

Website: [www.state.ri.us/Archives](http://www.state.ri.us/Archives)

**Eligible Applicants:** City and Town Clerks

**Eligible Uses:** Access—Arrangement and Description projects; preservation projects; archival and records management education and training; records management projects.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Guidelines and application are sent annually to all City and Town Clerks. The grants program is contingent upon the availability of funds and legislative actions of the General Assembly.

**Amount Available Statewide:** Individual grant awards between \$500 – \$1,200

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Grant Guidelines and Application materials are sent in April for mid-May deadline.

# PLANNING

**Department:** Department of Administration

**Division/Office:** Division of Planning, Statewide Planning Program

**Name of Program:** Planning Challenge Grants

**Description:** Studies that integrate land use and transportation planning in support of the State Guide Plan objectives.

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Website: [www.planning.ri.gov](http://www.planning.ri.gov)

**Eligible Applicants:** State agencies, cities and towns, regional planning agencies, and not for profit organizations in partnership projects with governmental applicants.

**Eligible Uses:** Corridor studies, access management, small area plans, commuter rail, transit-oriented development, emergency preparedness, GIS.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Must be related to transportation as federal transportation planning funds are the funding source .

**Amount Available Statewide:** FY 2009 up to \$400,000, typical grants range \$20–60,000

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Periodic -  
Check website above for details and announcements.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Public Safety

**Division/Office:** Public Safety Grant Administration Office

**Name of Program:** Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Local Pass-through

**Description:** Allows municipal governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system.

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**Eligible Applicants:** Rhode Island Municipal Police Departments

**Eligible Uses:** Law enforcement programs, prevention and education, drug treatment programs, planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:**

**Amount Available Statewide:** Currently \$484,785

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Distributed on a formula basis in October/November.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Public Safety

**Division:** Public Safety Grant Administration Office

**Name of Program:** Juvenile Accountability Grant Program (JABG)

**Description:** This program provides funding for states to strengthen their juvenile justice systems. Local governments may apply to the designated state agency for funds to support local accountability programs. Since RI has no county forms of government, RI has been granted a waiver by OJJDP to retain funding at the State level to support juvenile justice accountability programs at the state level.

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Website: [rijustice@ri.gov](http://rijustice@ri.gov)

**Eligible Applicants:** Local public and private agencies

**Eligible Uses:** Delinquency Prevention/Intervention

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Awards via competitive R.F.P. process.

**Amount Available Statewide:** Approximately \$297,800.00

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** RFPs in June/July; Distribution in October.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Public Safety

**Division/Office:** Public Safety Grant Administration Office

**Name of Program:** Formula Grants

**Description:** Funding to support state and local delinquency prevention and intervention efforts.

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**Eligible Applicants:** Local public and private agencies

**Eligible Uses:** Delinquency Prevention/Intervention

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Awards via competitive R.F.P. process.

**Amount Available Statewide:** Approximately \$600,000

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** RFPs in June/July; Distribution in October.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Department/Agency:** Rhode Island Department of Health

**Division/Office:** Center for Emergency Preparedness and Response

**Name of Program:** Medical Emergency Distribution System (MEDS)

**Description:** The goal of the MEDS program is to deploy medication and medical supplies to sites where they are needed during a public health emergency that exceeds the capacity of the state. Under this plan, municipalities are tasked with setting up point of dispensing (POD) to distribute prophylaxis and/or vaccine to the affected population of that municipality, and under the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI), be prepared to distribute prophylaxis to the entire population within 48 hours.

**Program Contact Information:**

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Website: <http://www.health.ri.gov>

**Eligible Applicants:** All 39 municipalities

**Eligible Uses:** Planning for the execution of a point of dispensing (POD) to distribute prophylaxis and/or vaccine to the entire population of that municipality.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Completion of a MEDS POD plan, including a security plan (approved by State Police), staffing plan, ICS plan, communications plan, and plan to distribute to special populations within the municipality approved by State Strategic National Stockpile Coordinator.

**Amount Available Statewide:** unknown

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Will be released in the fall, pending approval of the federal grant

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Public Safety

**Division/Office:** Public Safety Grant Administration Office

**Name of Program:** Title V Community Prevention Grants

**Description:** Funds collaborative, community-based delinquency prevention efforts. Provides communities with funding and a guiding framework for developing and implementing comprehensive juvenile delinquency prevention plans.

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**Eligible Applicants:** Units of Local Government

**Eligible Uses:** Juvenile Delinquency Prevention-Related Activities

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Awards from RI Justice Commission to qualified units of Local Government through competitive process.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$50,000

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** RFPs in June/July; Distribution in October

# **RECREATION**

**Department/Agency:** Environmental Management

**Division/Office:** Planning and Development

**Name of Program:** Rhode Island Open Space Grants

**Description:** This program provides up to 50% matching grants to Land Trusts, Municipalities and Environmental Organizations for the acquisition or protection of Open Space in Rhode Island. The program offers Grants \$250,000 - \$400,000 maximum for the acquisition of fee simple, development rights or conservation easements on environmentally sensitive land. The grant applications are reviewed and scored by the Rhode Island Natural Heritage Preservation Advisory Committee. Final awards are made by the Natural Heritage Preservation Commission.

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**Eligible Applicants:** Rhode Island Municipalities, Land Trust and Environmental Organizations.

**Eligible Uses:** Acquisition of Fee Simple, or Conservation Easements.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Approved Local Comprehensive Plan detailing project priorities and /or Local Open Space Plan. Grantee must provide a 50% match in the form of funds or donated value.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$3 – 4 Million every 2 years.

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Advertised in newspapers, eligible participants notified by mail. Grant applications are usually accepted in the fall of even-numbered years (2008, 2010).

# **RECREATION**

**Department/Agency:** Environmental Management

**Division/Office:** Planning and Development

**Name of Program:** Rhode Island Recreation Development Grants

**Description:** This program provides 50% matching grants to communities for the acquisition, renovation and development outdoor recreation facilities. The program offers “Small Grants” \$40,000 or less and “Large Grants” \$300,000 maximum. The grant applications are reviewed and scored by the State Recreation Resources Review Committee (RRRC). The committee is composed of Local Recreation Directors, Planning Directors, State Officials and a representative of the Audubon Society and Landscape Architect Society.

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Website: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bpoladm/plandev/grants.htm>

**Eligible Applicants:** Rhode Island Municipalities

**Eligible Uses:** Acquisition, Renovation, Development of Outdoor Recreation Facilities.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Approved Local Comprehensive Plan detailing project priorities. Grant must provide a 50% match in the form of in-kind labor or funds.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$3 – 4 Million every 2 years.

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Advertised in newspapers, eligible participants notified by mail. Grant applications are accepted in the spring of even-numbered years (2008, 2010).

# RECREATION

**Department/Agency:** Environmental Management

**Division/Office (if applicable):** Planning and Development

**Name of Program:** Rhode Island Trails Grant Program

**Description:** This program is an inter-agency cooperative program involving the Departments of Transportation and Environmental Management. It is funded by the Federal Highway Administration and administered by the Rhode Island Trails Committee. The Committee is composed of representatives of DEM, DOT and DOA and also representatives from all major trail user groups in the State. The Committee meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month. The Committee administers two grant programs specifically for the maintenance and creation of recreational trails throughout the State.

**Small Grants Program:** Grants up to \$1800.00 specifically for communities, land trusts, or 501(c) (3) Trail Groups specifically the maintenance of public recreational trails. Grantee must provide 20% match but that is generally in the form of volunteer labor. It does not require a cash match. This is an ongoing non-competitive program and grants can be requested throughout the year on a grant application for provided by DEM Trails staff.

**Trails Grant Program:** Biannually the Trails Committee makes available approximately \$450,000 specifically for new trails grants, or major restoration or repair of existing trails.

## **Program Contact Information:**

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**Eligible Applicants:** Towns and Cities, trail groups legally organized as 501 c 3, local conservation groups, and land trusts.

**Eligible Uses:** Trail repair, new trail construction, trail maintenance equipment and land acquisition specifically for the development of new trails and/or trail heads, making outdoor trails fully accessible to all.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Previous Experience in trail management and trail work, regional trail links, all trails must be public.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$450,000 every two years

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Advertised in advance in the newspapers and trail magazines.

# **RECYCLING**

**Department/Agency:** RI Resource Recovery Corporation

**Division/Office:** Recycling Division

**Name of Program:** Municipal Waste Reduction & Recycling Competitive Grant Program

**Description:** RIRRC goals are to stimulate development, enhance or expand RI's Municipal Recycling Programs by providing grants for:

1. Innovative projects or programs that increase the quantity and improve quantity of the materials collected by municipalities as part of their existing programs
2. Reuse or recycling of materials that are generated by municipalities which are presently being disposed of in the solid waste stream
3. Improve the economics of collection and processing of materials that would otherwise be disposed of
4. Increase the public's knowledge of the processes involved with and the importance of recycling, with the intention of increasing the recovery of recyclable materials.

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**Eligible Applicants:** Municipal and local governments

**Eligible Uses:** RIRRC will provide funding to assist with the development or expansion of collection and processing of recyclable or reusable materials. See also Grant Description.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** RIRRC Municipal Application which includes: Proposal, Profile, detailed description of request, evaluation, detailed budget and a key contact information sheet.

**Amount Available Statewide:** Amount varies year to year

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Twice a year: April 1 and October 1, funds are not guaranteed, and must meet eligibility guidelines.

# TRANSPORTATION

**Department:** Department of Administration/Department of Transportation\*

**Division/Office:** Division of Planning, Statewide Planning Program

**Name of Program:** CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality)

**Description:** Transportation projects that result in improved air quality and/or congestion relief.

**Program Contact Information:**

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Website: [www.planning.ri.gov](http://www.planning.ri.gov)

**Eligible Applicants:** State agencies, cities and towns, regional planning agencies, transportation providers, not for profit organizations.

**Eligible Uses:** Ferry operations, transportation operations, transit operations, transit capital expenses, clean fuel conversion equipment, signal coordination

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Three year maximum on some operations. Applicants should be able to quantify air emissions benefits. Studies not eligible. Projects are scored by the Air Quality Transportation Subcommittee and are included as part of the TIP.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$8M – 11M per year

**Application Dates/Deadlines:**

Applications Distributed: Every 4 years as part of the TIP cycle, usually in the fall.  
Applications Due: Usually in the month of February.

\* Project application process completed by Dept. of Administration/ Statewide Planning.

**Project implementation is through RI Department of Transportation.**

# TRANSPORTATION

**Department/Agency:** Rhode Island Department of Transportation

**Division/Office:** Office on Highway Safety

**Name of Program:** Highway Safety

**Description:** Grant opportunities for cities/towns to implement programs addressing drunk driving, child passenger safety and seat belt use, speeding, motorcycle safety and pedestrian/bicycle safety.

**Program Contact Information:**

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Website: [www.dot.state.ri.us](http://www.dot.state.ri.us)

**Eligible Applicants:** Cities or Towns

**Eligible Uses:** Enforcement, program implementation, administration and follow up assessment to address issues listed above.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Project submissions must be accompanied by data supporting the need and specific issue(s) to be addressed and the method(s) of assessment to be utilized to determine the effectiveness of the program.

**Amount Available Statewide:** Varies, dependent upon type of program.

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** September 30th of each year

# TRANSPORTATION

**Department:** Department of Administration/Department of Transportation\*

**Division/Office:** Division of Planning, Statewide Planning Program

**Name of Program:** Safe Routes to School

**Description:** Projects that encourage walking and bicycling to school (grades K-8; within a 2 mile radius of a school).

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**Eligible Applicants:** Cities and towns, in conjunction with individual schools and community groups.

**Eligible Uses:** Infrastructure: sidewalks, bike paths, striping, signing, traffic control devices  
Non-Infrastructure: educational, encouragement & law enforcement programs. Successful applications will be a combination of both.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** This is a new federal program. Projects will be scored by the Safe Routes to School Steering Committee and will be included as part of the TIP.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$1 million per year (First cycle included 2 ½ years funding)

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** First cycle: Awarded projects announced October 2007  
Next project solicitation: 2009

\* Project application process completed by Dept. of Administration/Statewide Planning.  
Project implementation is through RI Department of Transportation and Statewide Planning

# TRANSPORTATION

**Department:** Department of Transportation\*

**Division/Office:** Intermodal Planning

**Name of Program:** Transportation Enhancements

**Description:** Transportation related projects that will increase mobility, protect the human and natural environment, and preserve and increase the livability of communities.

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**Eligible Applicants:** State agencies, cities and towns, non-profits [501(c)(3)]

**Eligible Uses:**

- 1) Bicycle & pedestrian facilities;
- 2) Safety & educational activities for pedestrian & bicyclists;
- 3) Acquisition of scenic easements & scenic or historic sites;
- 4) Scenic or historic highway programs, including tourist and welcome center activities;
- 5) Landscape and scenic beautification;
- 6) Historic preservation;
- 7) Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities;
- 8) Preservation of abandoned railway corridors;
- 9) Control & removal of outdoor advertising;
- 10) Archaeological planning & research;
- 11) Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or to reduce vehicle wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity; and
- 12) Establish surface transportation museums.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Although these are non-traditional transportation projects, they must show a relationship to the transportation system. Projects are evaluated by the Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee and are included as part of the TIP.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$4 million per year

**Application Dates/Deadlines:**

Applications Distributed: Every 2-4 years as part of the TIP cycle, usually in the fall.  
Applications Due: Usually in the month of February.

# TRANSPORTATION

**Department:** Department of Administration/Department of Transportation\*

**Division/Office:** Division of Planning, Statewide Planning Program

**Name of Program:** Transportation Improvement Program

**Description:** Listing of all surface transportation projects receiving federal funds. Includes highway, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian.

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**Eligible Applicants:** State agencies, cities and towns, regional planning agencies, transportation providers, not for profit organizations.

**Eligible Uses:** Interstate, bridge, highway reconstruction, resurfacing, traffic and safety, study and development, transit, bicycle and pedestrian.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Recently transitioned from a two year TIP to a four year TIP. Major projects (reconstructions) must first go through a study and development category. Lead time for projects is very long. Projects are evaluated by the Transportation Advisory Committee.

**Amount Available Statewide:** Depends on federal appropriations, but generally \$170 million per year (including state match, but excluding CMAQ, Enhancements, Planning, and Discretionary). Much of this money is committed to debt service and multi-year projects.

## **Application Dates/Deadlines:**

Applications Distributed: Every 4 years as part of the TIP cycle, usually in the fall.  
Applications Due: Usually in the month of February.

\* Project application process completed by Dept. of Administration/Statewide Planning. Project implementation is through RI Department of Transportation and R.I. Public Transit Authority.

# TREE MANAGEMENT

**Department:** Environmental Management

**Division/Office:** Forest Environment

**Name of Program:** America The Beautiful

**Description:** The Division of Forest Environment, Department of Environmental Management, State of Rhode Island, in cooperation with the United States Forest Service and the Rhode Island Tree Council, A Rhode Island not-for-profit corporation, is pleased to announce its cost share grants program entitled ATB Tree Rhode Island-2009. The program is an integral part of the America the Beautiful initiative focusing on helping communities develop sustainable forestry programs.

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**Eligible Applicants:** \*All units of government  
\*Non-profit organizations  
\*Recognized community groups

**Eligible Uses:** Inventories of public trees.  
Development of a tree management plan.  
Educational activities and materials leading to a comprehensive tree program.  
Tree planting projects as part of a comprehensive tree management plan.  
Development of a tree ordinance.  
Historic and specimen tree maintenance and inventory.  
(Prior approval is necessary)

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** The required narrative must outline how your proposed project is part of a long-term planned approach for a sustainable community forestry program. You must articulate how the project fits into a total tree management plan for your community.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$30,000

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** February 27, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

# WATER RESOURCES

**Department/Agency:** Environmental Management

**Division/Office:** Water Resources

**Name of Program:** Bay Watershed Restoration Fund (BWRF) – Governmental Entities Sub-Fund

**Description:** Up to 50% matching grants to communities anti-pollution projects that address non-point source water pollution or stormwater pollution management including illicit connections to the stormwater collection system.

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**Eligible Applicants:** RI state and local governmental entities

**Eligible Uses:** The construction of projects, including stormwater management, to abate non-point source pollution; the purchase of additional or upgraded equipment to enhance best management practices identified in a RI Department of Environmental Management approved local stormwater management plan; the identification, mitigation, control or elimination of illicit point source connections to the local stormwater collection system.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Bay Watershed Restoration Fund (BWRF) – Governmental Entities Sub-Fund grants are primarily intended to provide financial assistance to projects that will restore or improved water quality and enhance the designated uses of a waterbody. Refer to the Rules and Regulations for the Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration Bond Fund for application requirements.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$3,500,000

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Annual Request for Proposal (RFP) process; application deadlines may vary from year to year.

# WATER RESOURCES

**Department/Agency:** Environmental Management

**Division/Office:** Water Resources

**Name of Program:** Bay Watershed Restoration Fund (BWRF) – Riparian Buffer Restoration Sub-Fund

**Description:** up to 50% matching grants for the construction, re-establishment of native species or other improvement projects that establish or restore riparian habitats or enhance the overall quality of riparian buffers for water quality improvement or protection.

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**Eligible Applicants:** RI communities and other governmental organizations, non-governmental entities and persons.

**Eligible Uses:** The re-establishment of native species or other projects that will establish or restore riparian habitats.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Applications will be evaluated upon the expected water quality benefits of the proposed project. Refer to the Rules and Regulations for the Narragansett Bay and Watershed Restoration Bond Fund for application requirements.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$700,000

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Annual Request for Proposal (RFP) process;  
Application deadlines may vary from year to year.

# WATER RESOURCES

**Department/Agency:** Environmental Management

**Division/Office:** Water Resources

**Name of Program:** Clean Vessel Act Pumpout Grant program

**Description:** 75% funding for private sector marina owners and municipalities to construct and maintain fixed based pumpout facilities and mobile pumpout boats used to collect and properly dispose of sewage from boat holding tanks. Presently the maximum grant award is \$15,000 for a \$20,000 project.

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**Eligible Applicants:** Private sector marinas and municipalities

**Eligible Uses:** Purchase and installation of fixed based pumpout facilities and mobile pumpout boats

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Location and the amount of boats to be serviced. There is an established ranking system for this program that is applied.

**Amount Available Statewide:** There is approximately \$100,000.00 left in the current federal Grant to DEM which supports this program. In 2008 DEM will apply for additional grant money. DEM had received \$385,000 in CVA Grant funds in 2006.

DEM will continue to work on its five year plan to target the placement of pumpout facilities at all marinas that have boats with marine toilet on board. All RI marinas do not have pumpout facilities.

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Currently there are two active grants round that have been awarded. Once those projects are completed and paid out DEM is planning on having another grant round. That could happen as early as this fall (2006).

# WATER RESOURCES

**Department/Agency:** RI Clean Water Finance Agency & Rhode Island Housing

**Division/Office:** Homeownership

**Name of Program:** Community Septic System Loan Program

**Description:** Loan Program offered by Rhode Island Housing in partnership with Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency, the State Department of Environmental Management and participating cities/towns. Cities and towns currently participating include Charlestown, Glocester, Jamestown, Johnston, New Shoreham, North Kingstown, and South Kingstown. The goal of the program is to safeguard public health, protect and improve groundwater and surface water resources by ensuring the proper functioning and maintenance of all septic systems.

Working with Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency, the municipalities establish loan criteria. Rhode Island Housing administers the program and completes the lending functions from application through closing and loan servicing.

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**Eligible Applicants:** Communities without wastewater treatment facilities. Determined by municipality in collaboration with Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency. Call Rhode Island Housing for more information.

**Eligible Uses:** Funds to be used to repair or replace failing, failed or sub-standard septic systems.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** All work must be completed by a Rhode Island licensed installer, homeowner must be current with all municipal financial obligations, Certificate of Conformance issued by DEM is required prior to loan disbursement. DEM approved on-site Wastewater Management Plan for participating community.

**Amount Available Statewide:** Funding for the program, up to \$2.0 million annually depending on availability of funds, will be provided by the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency.

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Restricted by the availability of the funds.

# WATER RESOURCES

**Department/Agency:** Environmental Management

**Division/Office:** Water Resources

**Name of Program:** Interceptor Bond Fund

**Description:** 50% matching grants, up to \$500,000, for communities to construct interceptor sewers (sewer pipes 10” or greater in diameter) to service areas that should no longer be served by septic systems.

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**Eligible Applicants:** RI cities & towns and sewer authorities

**Eligible Uses:** Sewer pipes 10” or greater in diameter and sewage pumping stations if serving as the functional equivalent of a 10” sewer pipe. Economic development projects are ineligible for funding.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Grant recipients must concurrently construct collector sewers (sewer pipes <10” in diameter) and must have a mandatory sewer connection requirement. See the *Rules and Regulations for the Grant Program for the Interceptor Bond Fund of the RI Clean Water Act Environmental Trust Fund* for application requirements.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$3,500,000

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Available anytime; grants must be awarded prior to initiation of construction.

# WATER RESOURCES

**Department/Agency:** Environmental Management

**Division/Office:** Office of Water Resources

**Name of Program:** Non-point Source (NPS) Program (Clean Water Act-Section 319 grants)

**Description:** The NPS Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant program provides funds for projects sponsored by state, local and regional governmental agencies as well as nonprofit agencies, schools, colleges and universities that mitigate NPS pollution and/or restore water quality in the waters of the state which are impaired by non-point sources of pollution. Grants require a minimum 40% match (non-federal match sources only).

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(Current FY06 Request for Proposals is available on this website for download)

**Eligible Applicants :** State, local and regional governmental agencies, nonprofit agencies, schools, colleges and universities.

**Eligible Uses:** (may vary annually) For FY06, Onsite Wastewater Management Implementation, Restoration of NPS Impaired Aquatic Habitats, Water Quality Restoration Actions.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** All grants require at least a 40% (of project cost) non-federal match. Grants are heavily weighted towards projects which mitigate a demonstrated NPS impairment in a TMDL watershed or another watershed in which the NPS impairment can be clearly demonstrated.

**Amount Available Statewide:** Varies annually. For FY 08, total is approximately \$450,000.

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Varies annually. For FY06, deadline for application is September 5, 2008, 4:00pm.

# WATER RESOURCES

**Department:** Water Resources Board

**Division/Office:**

**Name of Program:** R.I. Public Drinking Water Protection Program

**Description:** Grants to water suppliers for watershed and wellhead protection, pollution prevention, treatment facility upgrades, and water conservation kits.

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**Eligible Applicants:** Drinking water suppliers

**Eligible Uses:** Watershed and Wellhead protection, water quality improvements - pollution prevention measures, treatment facility upgrades, water conservation kits.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Minimum 55% of funds allocated for watershed and wellhead land acquisitions.

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$7,200,000 (Phase III FY 03 to FY 08 Closed)  
Phase IV Activity under discussion – start date to be determined.

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Revolving

# **WATER RESOURCES**

**Department:** Environmental Management

**Division/Office:** Water Resources

**Name of Program:** R.I. Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund

**Description:** Low-interest loans for facility plan documents, amendments, or updates. Below market and/or zero interest loans for construction projects.

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**Eligible Applicants:** Licensed Wastewater Operators

**Eligible Uses:** Facility planning, design and construction of improvements

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** DEM approved Facilities Plan – must be on DEM Project-Priority List – DEM CA required

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$3,500,000 (annual average of federal & state funds)

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Revolving

# WATER RESOURCES

**Department:** Health

**Division/Office:** Office of Drinking Water Quality

**Name of Program:** Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

**Description:** A perpetual revolving loan fund as a source of low-cost financial assistance to any governmental unit, public or privately organized water supplier for the financing of safe drinking water projects.

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**Eligible Applicants:** Community public water systems and nonprofit non-community public water systems, both privately organized water suppliers and local governmental units, are eligible to receive assistance from the Fund.

**Eligible Uses:** Planning, design, construction, and rehabilitation of safe drinking water supply, treatment, storage and transmission infrastructure.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** Must be on DOH Project Priority List

**Amount Available Statewide:** Average annual of approximately \$8,000,000

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Revolving

# WATER RESOURCES

**Department:** Water Resources Board

**Division/Office:**

**Name of Program:** Statewide Emergency Interconnection Program

**Description:** Loans to drinking water suppliers for emergency interconnections

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**Eligible Applicants:** Drinking water suppliers

**Eligible Uses:** Land acquisition, construction or purchase or installation of equipment and/or pipes.

**Program Considerations/Requirements:** 50% of design/construction costs funded

**Amount Available Statewide:** \$7 Million

**Application Dates/Deadlines:** Revolving