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[The Hayden Foundation](#) of Rhode Island is celebrating a landmark year in 2024, with a significant increase in grant-making to support educational initiatives and animal welfare across the state. After a successful infrastructure buildout in 2023, the foundation awarded more than \$750,000 in grants to over 15 nonprofit organizations in Rhode Island. These grants have supported a wide range of programs, from scholarships and educational resources at every level of education to spay and neuter programs and animal shelter support throughout Rhode Island.



In 2025, the Hayden Foundation is on track to award nearly \$1 million in grants, continuing its commitment to improving the lives of Rhode Islanders and their animal friends. As the foundation's visibility, reach and impact grows, it anticipates a surge in grant applications, reflecting the increasing need for support in education and animal welfare across the state.

"We are thrilled to see the real-world impact our grants are having in Rhode Island," said George Panichas, Executive Director of the Hayden Foundation of Rhode Island. "From funding educational scholarships to supporting critical animal welfare initiatives like spay and neuter programs, our mission to improve lives across Rhode Island is gaining significant momentum. We are excited for what the future holds as we continue to grow and support even more organizations in the years ahead."

Panichas also took a moment to express gratitude to the Board of Directors for their invaluable contributions. "I want to offer my sincerest thanks to the Board of Directors for their unflinching support and thoughtful leadership. Their work has been essential in helping us reach this

milestone and ensures that we are making a meaningful difference in Rhode Island communities. Without them, none of this great work would be possible”

As the foundation’s work continues to evolve, it remains dedicated to supporting local nonprofits that make a difference in education and animal welfare. With a focus on scholarships, educational programs, and animal care, the Hayden Foundation is creating a lasting positive impact in Rhode Island.

For more information about the Hayden Foundation of Rhode Island, upcoming grant opportunities, or how to apply for funding, visit www.haydenfoundation-ri.org.

About The Hayden Foundation of Rhode Island

The Hayden Foundation of Rhode Island is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting education and animal welfare across the state. Originally established by Don and Elaine Hayden, the foundation provides grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofits focused on improving the lives of Rhode Islanders. By funding scholarships, educational programming, and animal welfare initiatives, the Hayden Foundation is committed to making a positive impact throughout the state.

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