

Rhode Island Foundation

Role of Philanthropy in Public Health: Strengthening the Statewide Health System

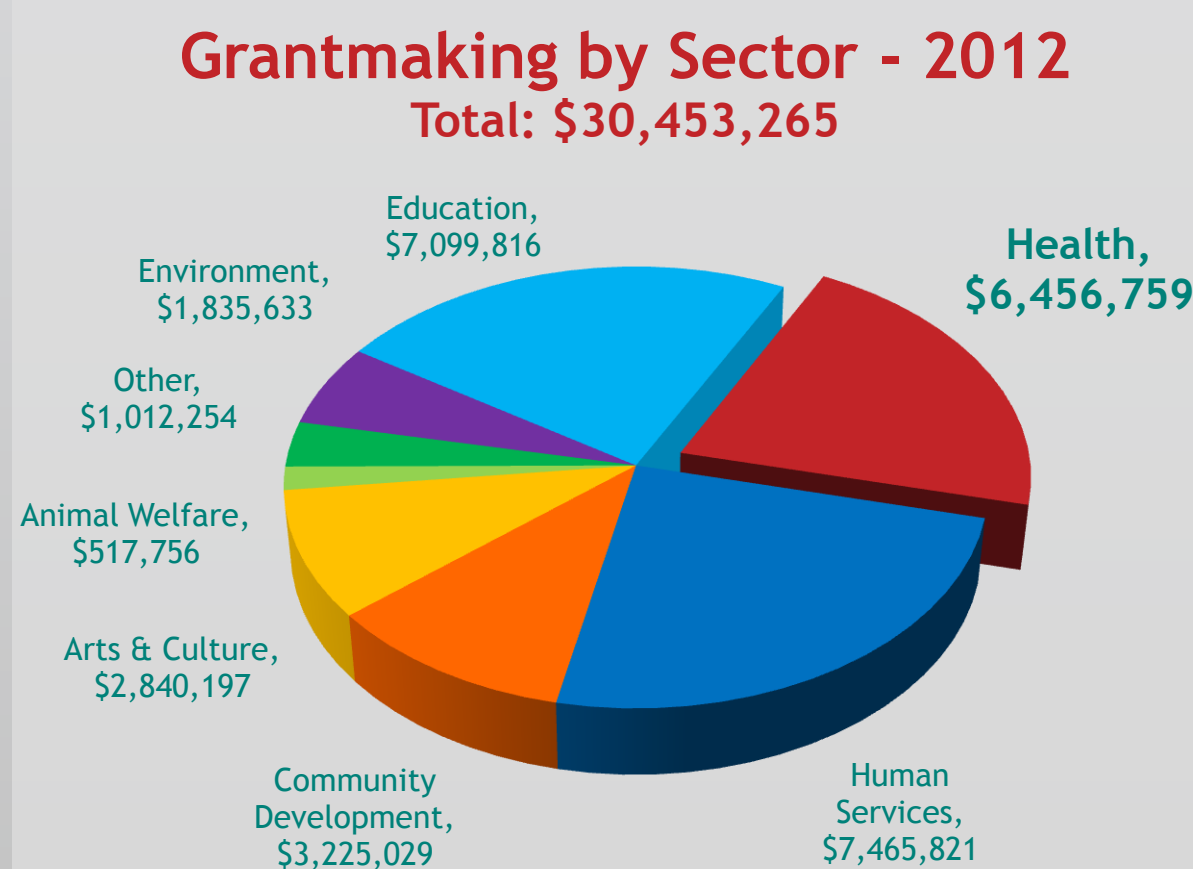
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History and Mission

- The Rhode Island Foundation (RIF), founded in 1916, is one of the oldest and largest community foundations in the country, and is the only community foundation serving the state of Rhode Island.
- The Rhode Island Foundation is a proactive community and philanthropic leader dedicated to meeting the needs of the people of Rhode Island.

Overview of Grantmaking

- In 2012, the Foundation distributed \$30 million to more than 1,300 community organizations.
- As the community foundation for the entire state, we fund a wide range of initiatives and projects, many of which are determined by the charitable interests of our donors. A significant part of our grantmaking is in the health sector:



Signature Initiative: Primary Healthcare Reform

To promote the development of a successful and effective system of primary care, and increase the access, affordability and quality of primary care for Rhode Islanders.

Principal target areas:

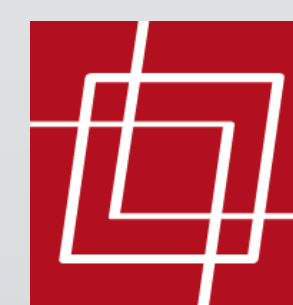
- Efforts that **integrate oral health** and/or **mental health** with **primary care**
- Programs that **improve primary care management** of **chronic conditions**
- Efforts to **positively change** the **primary care payment system**
- Innovations in **direct services**, **access to affordable medication** and **public awareness**

Initiatives to Strengthen the Rhode Island Health System

Workforce

Development/Education/Training

- **Medical Education Loan Repayment** - to increase the number of primary care providers in Rhode Island
- **Partners Investing in Nursing's Future** - Rhode Island College/RWJ Foundation - to create a new regional collaborative for interprofessional education
- **Promoting Primary Care Career Choices in Rhode Island** - The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University - to promote primary care as a career choice among medical students
- **Rhode Island Nursing Residency Program** - University of Rhode Island/RWJ Foundation - to provide clinical work experience for early career nursing professionals in Rhode Island
- **Medical Residency Programs** - Kent Hospital and Thundermist Health Center - to conduct graduate medical education in Rhode Island community health settings
- **Pediatrics Medical Residency Program** - Hasbro Children's Hospital - to better meet the needs of children and families in Rhode Island



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Healthcare Delivery Models

- Shared Medical Appointment
- Patient Centered Medical Home
- Rhode Island Free Clinics
- Rapid Access Rhode Island- Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health
- Veteran Affairs Hospital - Electronic Medical Records

Leadership/Convening

- Healthcare Reform Commission
- Public Events and Educational Forums on Healthcare Topics



Grant Programs

• Medical Education Loan Repayment	\$ 2,000,000
• Fund for a Healthy Rhode Island	\$ 1,800,000
• Health Strategy Grants	\$ 1,100,000
• Medical Research	\$ 180,000
• Program for the Blind	\$ 150,000
• Clean Competition	\$ 75,000

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