

Rhode Island

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Base Grant: \$500,000

Specialty Crop Grant: \$40,000

Total Grant: \$540,000



Shellfish Production Enhancement:

Center for Economic and Environmental Development – Roger Williams University, \$6,500.
To purchase and utilize floating upweller to enhance shellfish production for public benefit aquaculture and shellfish extension efforts.

Agriculture Promotion:

Charlestown Agriculture Preservation Commission – Town of Charlestown, \$9,935.
To produce quarterly printed newsletter and create internet website dedicated to the promotion of agriculture in Charlestown.

Ag Education:

Cranston High School West, \$4,760.
To purchase hydroponic and grow out equipment systems to enhance the aquaculture education program at Cranston West.

Community Farm Support:

Rhode Island Community Farm, \$7,000.
To provide materials and supplies for Rhode Island Community Farm.

Farmers' Market Promotion:

Providence DownCity Farmers' Market, \$6,200.
To fund promotional activities and materials for the Providence DownCity Farmers' Market.

Farmers' Market Promotion:

Farm and Forest Coalition of Northwest Rhode Island, \$2,940.
To provide funding toward the purchase of equipment and promotional supplies to enhance the viability of the Farmers' Market in Foster.

Farmland Preservation:

Conanicut Island Land Trust, \$9,500.
To develop a community agriculture protection and enhancement program, a farmland inventory, and the development of a model program and guides for use in other communities.

Ag in the Classroom:

Rhode Island Agriculture in the Classroom, \$10,000.
To provide field trips to farms for students in grades 5-9 for agricultural education, focusing on students from inner city schools who do not normally have such an opportunity.

Greenhouse Product Promotion:

Rhode Island Farm Bureau Greenhouse Growers Association, \$2,000.
To provide funding for promotional materials and activities for the Greenhouse Growers Association.

Enhancing Regional Ag Partnerships:

Lowell Research Foundation – University of Massachusetts,
To develop a regional education aquaculture/agriculture partnership that builds educational, information and promotional links between Rhode Island's diverse communities and the agriculture/aquaculture resources of Rhode Island and New England.

Dairy Product Development:

Rhode Island Small Business Development Center, Bryant College, \$21,370.
To assist Rhode Island dairy farmers with the formation of a cooperative, develop a business plan, and fund start up costs for efforts to develop and market Rhode Island dairy products.

Website Development:

Rhode Island Vineyards Association, \$3,000.
To provide funding toward website development and maintenance for the Rhode Island Vineyards Association.

Website Development:

Rhode Island Fruit Growers Association, \$6,500.
To develop and maintain a website to increase public awareness of and access to information about tree fruit products and industry in Rhode Island, and agriculture in general.

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Optimizing Pesticide Application:

Rhode Island Fruit Growers Association, \$3,500.

To develop and implement access by fruit growers to an internet-based weather prediction service to optimize pesticide spray programs to minimizing spray and spray drift.

Ag Education:

Rhode Island Future Farmers of America, Inc., \$4,000.

To purchase table top displays with travel cases for use in FFA student presentations made to elementary and high school students on agriculture, environment and FFA programs.

Alternative Forest Products:

Rhode Island Rural Lands Coalition, \$5,500.

To conduct an expanded education effort for Rhode Island farmers and forest landowners regarding alternative forest products.

“Veggin Out”:

Alan Shawn Feinstein Community Service Center – Johnson and Wales University, \$4,500.

To fund operating costs for “Veggin Out” program, a culinary and nutrition education program designed to promote locally grown produce and improve the nutrition of low income families through outreach and education at Rhode Island farmers market.

Ag Education:

Rhode Island Agricultural Education Coalition, \$72,500.

To create and fund for two years the position of Rhode Island Agricultural Education Coordinator to promote and enhance agricultural education in Rhode Island.

Compost Promotion and Best Practices:

Rhode Island Composting and Organic Waste Subcommittee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, State Technical Team, \$1,000.

To develop and distribute a directory of Rhode Island composting operations and best management practices.

Rhode Island Harvest Handbook:

Rhode Island Resource Conservation and Development Council and partners, \$25,000.

To develop and produce a Rhode Island Harvest Handbook to serve as comprehensive guide to Rhode Island agricultural resources.

Culinary Outreach and Shellfish Promotion:

New England Seafood Producers Association, Inc. – RI Chapter, \$14,300.

To fund and organize boat trips to provide opportunities for Rhode Island chefs to learn about shellfish aquaculture industry, and to develop a brochure about shellfish species and nutritional and health information.

Pesticide Use Training:

Pesticide Applicator Training Program – University of Rhode Island, \$6,000.

To purchase projection equipment to enhance presentation capability at training programs for pesticide applicator licensing/certification.

Rhode Island Grown and Produced Dairy Products:

Rhode Island Ayrshire Club, \$1,000.

To purchase Cabot Cheese samples to offer to the public at the Washington County Fair as part of promotional/educational efforts regarding “RI Grown and Produced Dairy Products.”

Ag Education:

South County Museum, \$15,000.

To provide funding toward furthering agricultural education programs ongoing or under development at South County Museum.

Ag Education:

South Kingstown Rural Partners, \$5,194.

To provide a series of educational/demonstration workshops for high school students at local farms.

Dairy Farm Public Outreach:

Southern Rhode Island 4-H Dairy Club, \$5,125.

To develop and produce video about Rhode Island dairy farms and industry, Rhode Island 4-H dairy members and projects, and their importance to agriculture and open space in Rhode Island.

Ag Education:

Southern Rhode Island 4-H Dairy Club, \$5,800.

To provide funding toward a trip by student members to DeLaval Dairy Development International, NY, a modern dairy facility where there are ongoing environmental impact, industry viability, and dairy production studies.

Ag Business Training:

Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District, \$1,350.

To provide funding for tuition costs for farmers to attend an agricultural business training program.

Pumpkin Weigh-Off Event:

RI Pumpkin Growers Association, \$4,710.

To provide funding toward sponsorship and enhanced demonstration and educational activities at the annual Rhode Island Pumpkin Growers Weigh-Off.

Beekeeper**Public Outreach and Education:**

RI Beekeepers Association, \$6,000.

To fund participation in shows and exhibitions, beekeeper education and training.

Farmland Protection:

RI Agricultural Land Preservation Commission, \$8,000.

To develop materials and a website to explain and promote farmland protection through development rights acquisition, and provide resources to landowners and the general public.

Ag Education:

W. Alton Jones Campus – University of Rhode Island, \$8,020.

To provide funding for supplies, educational materials and exhibits at Woodvale Farm, W. Alton Jones Campus.

Certified Horticulturist Program:

RI Nursery and Landscape Assn., \$12,000.

To provide funding toward development and enhancement of a Rhode Island certified horticulturist program.

Horticulture Website Development:

RI Nursery and Landscape Assn., \$18,000.

To conduct an economic impact survey and develop and maintain a website regarding the horticulture industry in Rhode Island.