



Community Donation Guidelines

Where Each Relationship Matters®

Rockland Trust’s philanthropic mission is to strengthen the communities served by the Bank. We enable individuals and their families to access opportunity and improve the quality of their lives.

Organization Eligibility

Rockland Trust and the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation provides community donations to both 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and community organizations in furtherance of their mission and work. If you are an organization with a fiscal sponsorship relationship, please email Charitable.Giving@RocklandTrust.com to discuss with our staff prior to submission.

The following organization types are ineligible for **a community donation**:

- Organizations that meet the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation’s grant giving guidelines and focus areas. If your organization meets these guidelines, you must submit a grant application to request support and adhere to our grant deadlines.
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, family status, receipt of public assistance, sexual orientation, or gender identity
- Individuals or families
- Political activities, lobbying, or candidates for political office
- Religious organizations (activities for religious purposes)

Please note: Rockland Trust does not typically fund multiple applications (grant, sponsorship OR donation) from the same organization in a single calendar year.

Organizations must be located in, and serve individuals of, at least one of the following geographic areas:

Barnstable County, MA
Bristol County, MA
Dukes County, MA
Essex County, MA

Middlesex County, MA
Nantucket County, MA
Norfolk County, MA
Plymouth County, MA

Suffolk County, MA
Worcester County, MA
Rhode Island

Eligible Requests and Focus Areas

Rockland Trust and the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation considers community donation requests from the following types of organizations:

- **Nonprofits and community organizations** that focus on providing basic needs programs, such as access to food, clothing, utility assistance and other programs that are vital in supporting our communities
- **Local education foundations**
- **Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs)**
- **Sports Teams & Scouting Groups** – programs that provide access and funds to support local sports programming and scouting groups *that are NOT date-specific*. Requests for date-specific events should utilize our Event Sponsorship application.

Rockland Trust and the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation **do not** support the following request types through its community donation program:

- Capital requests (renovation or construction of buildings, fields, pools, playgrounds, libraries, etc. **OR** the purchase of equipment or vehicles)
- Requests for specific funding to support a nonprofit's internal diversity, equity and inclusion programs. This type of funding is handled through a separate grant program
- Requests from 501c3 nonprofit organizations that meet our [grant giving guidelines](#)

Community Donation Application, Size and Review Timeline

Community donation applications are accepted **only** via our online portal at:

www.RocklandTrust.com/CharitableGiving. We will not respond to requests made in-person, or sent via email or mail.

Applications may be saved at any time in the process to resume later. We recommend that you create a WORD file of your responses to copy and paste as needed. Add mail@grantapplication.com to your safe senders list to ensure you receive all system communications.

Community Donation applications are considered on a rolling basis. A response to an application with a determination or additional questions can be expected between six to twelve weeks after the submittal date. The majority of community donation awards will be less than \$2,500.

Please note: Donation support to an organization in one year does not guarantee support in subsequent years.

Questions? Please send an email to Charitable.Giving@RocklandTrust.com to ensure the quickest response.