

Papitto Opportunity Connection

December 2026

POC Small Grant Application:

The Papitto Opportunity Connection offers the chance for Rhode Island-based 501(c)(3) organizations to compete for general operating grants. The grants awarded are generally between \$5,000 and \$20,000. *The fact that a grant application is submitted does not mean that a grant will be awarded.* No grant application will be considered unless it is submitted through POC's grant portal. To help us understand your organization and its work, please answer the following questions.

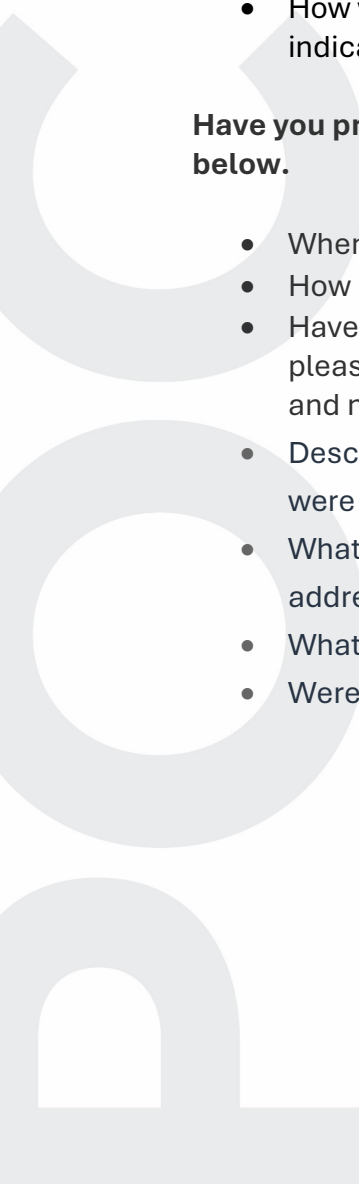
- What is the legal name of your organization as registered with the RI Secretary of State?
- In what year was your organization established?
- List the leadership of this organization and their titles.
- Provide the names of your Board of Directors.
- Please provide a certificate of good standing for your organization from the Rhode Island Secretary of State.
- Please provide the most recent IRS form W-9 for your organization, and/or your IRS 501(c)(3) certificate.
- Please provide your most recent IRS form 990 for your organization.

IMPORTANT: POC DOES NOT allow for the use of fiscal sponsors. Please acknowledge your organization will not be seeking funding using a fiscal sponsor. (Note, if an application is received with a fiscal sponsor, it will be REJECTED without review.)

- What is the mission of your organization?
- Does your organization have a strategic plan? Please indicate when it was last updated, and the top objectives of that strategic plan.

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- What is your organization's annual budget?
- Please provide an overview of the communities (cities and towns) served by your organization.
- How many individuals does your organization serve annually?
- Does your organization primarily focus on education, job skills training, entrepreneurship, healthcare, criminal justice or housing? If so, what percentage of your overall budget supports each of these areas?
- Does your organization receive any federal, state or local grants? If so, please indicate what percentage of your overall budget is made up of funding from each of these sources?
- Has your organization had to make changes to its operations in the last six-months due to federal, state or local budget cuts or for any other reason? If so, please explain.
- Does your organization provide programming/services that are unique and not offered by other non-profits in Rhode Island? Please explain.
- POC only provides single year funding, please acknowledge you are only seeking a one-year grant.
- How much are you currently seeking in funding from POC?
- What percentage of your organizations total budget would come from the POC grant you are requesting?
- Please provide the names of other organizations that will be providing funding to this organization, or that you have applied to, or are in current conversations with, to provide funding and the percentage of total funding you anticipate from each organization.



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- How will you measure the success of POC funding? Provide the key performance indicators (KPI) for this grant and how you will measure these KPI's.

Have you previously received funding from POC? If yes, please answer the questions below.

- When did you receiving funding previously from POC? Please list all grants.
- How much did you receive for each grant?
- Have you provided POC with a report detailing the outcomes of each grant? If no, please answer the questions below. (Note: if you have received a previous grant and no reporting is provided, your grant application will be rejected without review.)
- Describe the major activities supported through your grant(s) and to whom they were provided.
- What went well? Did you encounter any challenges and if so, and how were they addressed?
- What did you learn about the participants, the community and/or the organization?
- Were there any goals and outcomes that were not achieved?