

Agency	Funds Requested	Project Title	Project Categories	Project Description
RI Department of Education	\$231,000	School Infrastructure Readiness Initiative (SIRI)	Energy / Resilience	The School Infrastructure Readiness Initiative (SIRI) will provide a comprehensive, data-driven framework to enhance climate resilience, energy efficiency, and decarbonization across Rhode Island's high-need public schools. Aligned with the state's greenhouse gas reduction, climate adaptation, and environmental justice goals, the initiative integrates hazard assessment, facility risk evaluation, emissions reduction, and educational continuity into a unified, actionable strategy.
RI Commerce	\$100,000	Energy Efficiency Grant Program - Enhanced Funding	Energy	Rhode Island Commerce is requesting funds to expand the existing Energy Efficiency Grant Program for Small Businesses in 2026. This initiative addresses a critical funding gap by providing direct financial incentives unavailable through other statewide programs for small businesses to complete energy efficiency upgrades. Following a very successful and oversubscribed 2024 round, the expanded program will support small businesses, reduce GHG emissions, and promote equitable access to clean energy.
RI Public Utilities Commission	\$105,000	Clean Energy & Climate Policy Analyst	Energy	The RI Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is requesting a continuation of funding for a contract employee who will work on key topics including energy efficiency, Renewable Energy Growth Program, electric time of use rates, electric grid modernization, leak prone gas pipeline replacement review, gas system design and gas supply procurement, microgrids, resilience, and the Future of Gas Docket.
RI Office of Energy Resources	\$41,000	Funding for URI Energy Fellows in 2026	Energy	Due to recent changes and decisions at the federal level, the Office of Energy Resources (OER) is seeking funding for three URI Energy Fellows in 2026. URI Energy Fellows bring valuable talent to the OER team and expand the reach of the office's programs. This investment will provide OER more administrative capacity to handle projects associated with implementing the Act on Climate and the 2025 Climate Action Strategy.
RI Department of Environmental Management (Natural Resources)	\$35,000	Rhode Island Coastal Resilience Project <i>(Matching Funds)</i>	Resilience	The Rhode Island Coastal Resiliency Project will compile, and develop further, natural resources data created by multiple Rhode Island agencies and partners (DAFE-Forestry, NBNERR, Planning-Forest Legacy and GIS, NBEP, etc.) into a shared dataset of resources of significant forests (coastal + upland), and the interface of these habitats with coastal and inland aquatic ecosystems. The effort will analyze how these resources are at risk from various individual, and compounded, threats such as development, sea-level rise, invasive species, wildfire, etc., and will also identify gaps in natural resources data necessary to inform decision making/management. This data hub will be used by stakeholder groups that are responsible for natural resources/land management decision-making. EC4 funding is requested to provide the non-federal match required for the funds.

RI Department of Transportation	\$100,000	Evaluate the GHG Emission Impacts of Projects in the State's STIP	Transportation	This funding will allow the RI Department of Transportation (RIDOT) to develop credible and defensible estimates of the GHG impacts of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as a whole and of individual major projects in the STIP. Funded activities will include: 1) a review of GHG analysis tools used by other states; 2) an evaluation of project-level GHG impacts of all "projects of regional significance" as well as other roadway and transit projects; and 3) a collective evaluation of the GHG impacts of other STIP projects such as bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
RI Public Transit Authority	\$440,000	Flex Service	Transportation	The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) proposes to use EC4 funding to continue and strengthen its microtransit services. Given the recent service changes, this support will allow RIPTA to reposition flex services to better meet demand and ensure mobility for residents and workers in Newport, Middletown, Narragansett, South Kingstown, and Woonsocket.
RI Public Transit Authority	\$15,000	VanPool Pilot	Transportation	This initiative proposes offering an additional \$200 monthly subsidy for new vanpool riders—on top of RIPTA's existing \$100 subsidy—for a period of three months. This dual subsidy will allow new users to join a vanpool at no cost during the trial period. Vanpooling is a sustainable, cost-effective transportation option ideal for suburban, rural, or low-density areas where traditional transit is less feasible. It reduces congestion and emissions, supports equitable job access, and provides reliable mobility for commuters traveling to employment hubs such as industrial parks, hospitals, and universities. Each vanpool can carry up to 4-15 commuters - each of which would otherwise likely make separate trips in a single-occupancy vehicle.
RI Public Transit Authority	\$55,000	Promoting Transit for Visitors to RI	Transportation	The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) is looking to continue its ongoing collaboration with the Rhode Island Airport Corporation and the Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau to increase the visibility and utilization of transit among those visiting Rhode Island. RIPTA is requesting funding to offer complimentary bus passes to travelers who are arriving at T.F. Green Airport and/or staying at hotels in the state to welcome travelers to Rhode Island and encourage sustainable transportation choices. This request covers the cost of 4,000 day passes and funding for marketing, branding, and passenger information resources. This initiative will be part of a broader effort between RIPTA and the McKee Administration to explore opportunities for additional resources, including potential connections to Rhode Island's tourism sector.
Executive Office of Health and Human Services	\$100,000	Community of Practice on Climate & Health	Equity & Outreach	<p>The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is proposing a collaboration with the State's Equity Zone's initiative focusing on climate change & health. Activities will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct an analysis of communities where the impacts of climate and health are disproportionate and support strategic engagement.

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EC4 Advisory Board	\$85,000	Crafting Climate Messages & Utilizing Arts to Expand Dialogue Around Climate Change	Equity & Outreach	The Advisory Board proposes conducting public opinion testing and message development through polling, focus groups, or other methods. The purpose is to collect data on public perceptions of climate issues and current climate actions and to identify which climate messages resonate with Rhode Islanders. To more creatively build on past cycles of community engagement, the Advisory Board proposes partnering with local RI artists to act as creative communicators – helping to translate complex climate information from the EC4, the STAB and the Advisory Board into accessible, resonant visuals, stories, and experiences.
University of Rhode Island (Education)	\$193,000	Internships & Curriculum Development	Education	This proposal seeks funding to launch a statewide initiative that supports paid internships for students enrolled in the new Environmental Education B.S. program at the University of Rhode Island (URI). These internships will be hosted by environmental education (EE) organizations across Rhode Island. The project will (1) compensate URI students for work-integrated learning experiences; (2) provide funding to EE organizations to build capacity to mentor interns and co-develop localized climate education content; and (3) build a digital repository of localized climate lessons focused on understanding environmental resilience, greenhouse gas reduction, and impact of climate on health and economics.
Total	\$1,500,000			