



Narragansett Bay Commission

2026 Earth Day River Restoration Initiative Grant Information

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) is offering grants ranging from \$250 up to \$1,000 for local Earth Day River and Lake Cleanups, restoration or beautification projects for areas located within the NBC service area or along NBC receiving waters. The goal of the NBC 2026 Earth Day River Cleanup Grant Program is to clean up our important environmental resources by providing funding assistance to local organizations restoring and improving the green spaces in their communities.

The grants may be used for Earth Day volunteer cleanup projects of green spaces and river, lake and pond cleanup projects located within the NBC service district or along NBC receiving waters. Projects that include an educational component to educate volunteers about some aspect of the environment, environmental restoration, protection are preferred. All sections of the grant application, including the project description form must be completed. Applications must be accompanied with an invoice on organizational letterhead with the grant award total request listed. The invoice must have the letterhead of your organization. An invoice template is attached for your use. Please tailor the template to your organization's needs. Any incomplete grant application forms received will not be considered. Only one application per project will be considered, and projects must be completed no later than February 6, 2026. The range of funding for any single project shall be between \$250 and \$1,000, depending upon the number of applicants and funding availability.

EVALUATION CRITERIA (Not in any order of priority):

- Clean up and/or restore green spaces, local rivers, streams, lakes and/or ponds within the NBC district or along NBC receiving waters.
- Positive impact to the local environment and/or improvement of aquatic life and habitat.
- Long term environmental/beautification impact.
- Demonstrated project need.
- Environmental education component is a plus.

EXPENSES NOT FUNDED:

- Administrative/Personnel expenses (ex. Salary, overtime, professional services that include but not limited to consultants, landscapers, etc.).
- Food expenses.
- Fuel or travel costs related to purchasing items for the event/project.
- Expenses incurred prior to grant award date.

The completed grant application and project invoice
MUST be received by the NBC by 3:00pm on February 6, 2026. Please submit to:

Junel Grande
Narragansett Bay Commission
7 Service Road
Providence, RI 02905
Email: jgrande@narrabay.com

Should you have any questions regarding the NBC's grant program or your grant application, please contact Junel Grande via email or at 401-654-6987.

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Eligible Applicants: Rhode Island state and federal agencies, municipalities (for example, schools, conservation commissions, Parks & Recreation Departments, etc.), companies and non-profit organizations planning to organize local river cleanup projects in conjunction with Earth Day 2026 that will be located within the NBC service district or receiving waters.

Organization Name:	Contact Person & Title:
Street Address:	Telephone Number: () Email (REQUIRED):
City, State and Zip Code:	Amount Requested:
Proposed Cleanup Date & Rain Date:	Main Location:
List of all locations (please be as specific as possible – include streets & landmarks – attach a map of the event area or additional sheets if needed):	
Time of Event:	Expected Number of Volunteers:
Website Address (Please provide the URL address if you plan to post your event information on a website):	If partnering with other organizations in the community, please list those organizations here:
Project Description: Please be as specific as possible & include date of event. (Max of 150 words - Attach supporting information if needed)	
Project Budget: Please explain how the grant funds will be utilized, list supplies and estimated costs. (Attach supporting information if needed)	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 45%; border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">Applicant's Signature</div> <div style="width: 45%; border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">Date</div> </div>	

*NOTE: If the date/location or any other important project information for your planned event changes after submittal of this form to the NBC, please submit a corrected/updated form ASAP.



Insert Organization Name Here

[Insert logo above](#)

Invoice

Street Address
City, ST ZIP Code
Phone Enter phone | Fax Enter fax
Email | Website

DATE: Enter date

TO:
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401-654-6987 | jgrande@narrabay.com

Signature of Applicant:

2026 Earth Day Grant Funding Requested		
2026 Earth Day Grant Funding Approved by NBC		
TOTAL DUE		

\$

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\$

Thank you for your support!



Earth Day River Restoration Grant Final Report

Organization Name:	Contact Person & Title:
Partnering Organizations:	
Cleanup Date(s):	Main Location:
List of all locations (please be as specific as possible – include street names, parks, rivers, pond names & landmarks – attach a map of the event area or additional sheets if needed):	
Number of Volunteers:	Estimated pounds of litter/debris removed:
Interesting items found:	Links to websites or social media posts for event pictures & details:
Pictures/Press Clippings (Attach supporting information if needed):	
<p>This report is to certify that the clean up event sponsored by the Narragansett Bay Commission was completed and funding was used in accordance with the grant application.</p> <p>Signed by: _____ Date: _____</p>	
*Please email your final reports to Junel Grande at jgrande@narrabay.com no later than 2 weeks after your cleanup event.	