

RIHEBC's 2020-21 Grant Program

The WIN (What's Important Now) Grant Program – Guidelines:

The WIN Grant proposes to assist eligible institutions in meeting COVID-related expenses that were unforeseen prior to the pandemic. Grant applicants will describe their greatest needs (i.e. what's important now) in continuing to fulfill their respective educational or healthcare missions. Examples might include technology solutions to help students learn remotely or to help healthcare providers evaluate patients remotely; the addition of Plexiglas barriers to create socially distanced classrooms or waiting rooms; equipment or supplies related to school lunch preparation or delivery; the purchase of PPE over and above what is currently being provided, special cleaning equipment, hand sanitizer stations or air filtration systems. Regardless of the proposed use of the grant, each applicant must clearly demonstrate both its need and how the grant would help the grantee continue its operations during the current COVID pandemic.

The expenses associated with the requested grant purpose may have already occurred, but in no case earlier than April 1, 2020. It may also be a present or near-future expense. In either case, evidence of the expense, along with the dates it was (or will be) incurred must be provided as part of the grant application.

Due to constraints placed upon the Corporation by its enabling legislation, the grant committee will favor grant purposes that involve capital purchases or tangible items that further the mission of the grantee. The grant committee will present the board with its WIN Grant recommendations and all grants will be subject to approval by the board as well as availability of adequate funds.

Eligible institutions will include non-profit educational or healthcare institutions, and public schools only, as more specifically defined in RIHEBC's enabling legislation.

The size of each grant shall be based upon the demonstrated needs of the grant applicant, but in no case may it exceed \$10,000.

WIN Grant Timeline (dates subject to change):

Grant notice date:	November 20, 2020
Deadline for submission of grant application:	December 11, 2020
Board meeting to approve grants:	December 22, 2020
Grant award notification date:	December 23, 2020

The RIHEBC Project Grant Program – Grant Guidelines:

The Project Grant Program proposes to assist eligible institutions in completing capital projects or making equipment purchases that are critical to advancing their missions. Grant applicants must describe the project, explain its necessity to their mission, describe the vendors or contractors who will complete the project, and provide a project budget. The project budget will include other sources of funds, if any, needed to complete the project, and the status of receipt of those funds.

Eligible institutions will include non-profit educational or healthcare institutions, and public schools, as more specifically defined in RIHEBC’s enabling statute.

The size of each grant will be based upon the project budget submitted by the grant applicant, but in no case will exceed \$100,000. The grant committee will present the board with its Project Grant recommendations and all grants will be subject to approval by the board as well as availability of adequate funds.

Project Grant Timeline:

Grant notice date:	November 20, 2020
Deadline for submission of initial grant application:	December 24, 2020
Notification of grant finalists:	January 15, 2021
Deadline for submission of finalist follow-up info:	January 22, 2021
Board meeting to approve grants:	February 17, 2021
Grant award notification date:	February 18, 2021