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ATTRACTIONS!

RHODE ISLAND RAMPS UP ARTS INVESTMENT IN SCHOOLS

ARTS

ART RE-ENGAGES TALENT IN ALL STUDENTS

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) is launching an innovative, \$5 million art education support effort. Under the new **ARTS Initiative**, funding is based on the number of students, and **each district or charter school will receive a grant of at least \$10,000** to support the arts in their schools *as they see fit*. Schools and districts will also be eligible to receive additional grants for the arts.

Research demonstrates that the link between involvement in the arts and engagement in school is strong and persistent. Coming out of the pandemic, RIDE is dedicated to supporting local schools as they rebuild and strengthen their arts programs. This is an opportunity for schools to connect with local artists and programs – and for students to re-connect with their schools.



“Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited, whereas imagination embraces the entire world, stimulating progress, giving birth to evolution.” – ALBERT EINSTEIN



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Visit www.ride.ri.gov/ARTS or email Ashley.Cullinane@ride.ri.gov to learn more about how your schools can put their ARTS funds to work.

MORE ARTS = MORE ENGAGEMENT + MORE STUDENT SUCCESS

During **Act 1** of the ARTS Initiative, RIDE will provide funding that touches every public school in Rhode Island, while leaving final decisions on how to use the funds in the hands of local education leaders. The funds will be allotted on a per-student basis, with each LEA receiving at least \$10,000.

TOP RECIPIENTS

Providence	\$694,225
Cranston	\$328,840
Warwick	\$261,841
Pawtucket	\$260,527
Woonsocket	\$181,571
East Providence	\$161,984
Cumberland	\$151,437

Grants can be used to purchase items such as musical instruments, art supplies and audio/visual or culinary equipment. They can also be used to create murals, add art installations, support performing arts or even an artist in residence. **Schools choose the most impactful use of funds.**



DOUBLE FEATURE: MORE INVESTMENTS IN THE ARTS – FALL 2022

During **Act 2** of the ARTS Initiative, RIDE will leverage an incentive-based fund of at least \$500,000 to further support the arts in schools. Starting in the fall, additional funds will be awarded to schools or districts based on the following factors:

- Number of students impacted by the arts programming
- Student & community engagement
- Local artist utilization
- Minority-owned business usage
- Most creative uses of funding

RIDE will share more information on this program as it becomes available in coming months.

Stepping Up: RIDE is working with the philanthropic community with a goal of **doubling the \$500,000 prize pool** to support even more arts programs across the Ocean State. If you are interested in learning more or donating, please contact Ashley Cullinane at Ashley.Cullinane@ride.ri.gov.

