

RYE REGIONAL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REVIEW OF FUNDING REQUESTS FOR 2025

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1	ASSOCIATIONS	2024 REQUEST	2024 FUNDED	2025 REQUEST	RECOMMENDED		
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5	Aids Response Seacoast	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00		
6	This organization serves 3-5 Rye residents & 110 in surrounding communities and are the only program for AIDS in the Seacoast area. The funds						
7	go directly to Case Management for HIV & AIDS individuals, helping local people to secure vital services. They requested \$1,800 and we						
8	recommend \$1,800.						
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11	American Red Cross	\$2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00		
12	Although they did not serve any Rye residents, they responded to 51 disaster cases in all of Rockingham County assisting 132 individuals. They ran 458						
13	blood drives, and taught 1,791 individuals life saving skills, First Aid, CPR, Babysitting skills and water safety. They are an exceptionally well funded						
14	organization. The funds for general operating expenses, unexpected disasters and overall budget at the local level is over \$8 million. The EIN#						
15	they use is for the national organization, however, the money is sent to the local chapter in Concord, NH. Last year in keeping with the average						
16	donation of \$1,500 we recommended and they were given \$1,500. This year they again requested \$2,500, however, we recommend funding at last year's						
17	level of \$1,500 for 2025.						
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20	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00		
21	This year they served 2 Rye families, 11 in Portsmouth and 1 in North Hampton. They match caring mentors with 400-500 at risk youth in 8 NH counties						
22	and York, Maine. The average length of match is 3 years with a proven track record of prevention. Last year they requested \$3,000, but						
23	in keeping with the average donation of \$1,500 we recommended and they were given \$1,500. They requested \$3,000 again this year. We recommend						
24	funding for 2025 of \$1,500.						
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27	Center for Wildlife	\$10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00		
28	This Maine seacoast organization provides a place to call with questions about wild animals or for residents to bring in injured wild animals such as, hawks,						
29	owls, songbirds, bats, rabbits and turtles. In 2023, 53 Rye residents brought in an injured or orphaned wild animal and 199 called seeking help identifying						
30	species in their backyards. They requested \$5,000 and we recommend \$1,000 in keeping with other 501(c)3 organizations that serve animal needs.						
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33	Child Advocacy	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		
34	This Rockingham County social service organization works to prevent or minimize trauma to victims, mostly children 3-18 years old, suffering some form of						
35	child abuse. It promotes a healthy community where all residents, especially our children, have access to safety in public spaces as well as at home. Its						
36	investigative services are 38% less expensive than law-enforcement investigations, saving over \$1,500 per child served. 9% of persons served reside in						
37	Rye. In 2023, 64 people were served in the Seacost area. They recently increased and updated their Portsmouth office space. They submitted an						
38	excellent independent accountant's review. They have requested \$1,500 and we recommend \$1,500.						
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41	Cross Roads House	\$12,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00		
42	This homeless shelter offers supportive services, transportation to school, long-term shelter access, visiting nurses, and it is the designated emergency						
43	shelter for Rockingham County. They served 435 Seacoast area residents with two being from Rye for 84 nights at \$108 per night for a total of \$9,072.						
44	Last year they requested \$12,000 due to the fact they had two individuals from Rye who stayed a total of 469 nights. We recommended and the were						
45	given funding for \$2,500. This year they requested \$5,000, however, we recommend funding for \$2,500 for 2025.						
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48	Friends Program - RSVP	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		
49	This Rye and Rockingham County social service organization provides senior volunteers to help Rye and Seacoast area seniors to stay safely at home and						
50	living independently. It provides Bone Builders strenght training, Gather food pantry, AARP tax preparation, blood drives, volunteer drivers, etc. At least 10						
51	seniors from Rye and 22,047 from the Seacoast were supported with over 18,000 hours of service in 2023 with Seniors helping Seniors. They have						
52	requested \$1,500 and we recomment \$1,500.						
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55	Great Bay Services, Inc	\$14,184.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,500.00		
56	This organization is based in Dover and serves 32 individuals in Rockingham and Stratford counties in NH & Cumberland County and York, Maine,						
57	providing job advocacy and individualized training for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Last year they requested \$14,184 to fund						
58	a cooking program for their individuals, however, we do not fund programs. We recommended and they received \$1,500 in funding. This year						
59	they are requesting \$5,000 to help them hire staff. We recommend funding for \$1,500.						
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63	Greater Seacoast Community Health	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
64	This social service organization is a community health center network that includes Families First and makes it possible for all residents in eastern						
65	Rockingham and Stratford counties to have access to primary care, pediatrics, prenatal care, parenting classes, childcare, behavioral health counseling,						
66	mobile health services, and dental care, just to name a few. In 2023, they provided trauma informed inclusive services to 100 Rye residents and, 1,821						
67	Seacoast families. 82 Seacoast are families have participated in their family center programs. Already in 2024, they have served 67 Rye residents						
68	and 1,493 Seacoast residents through July 2024. They have requested \$2,000 and we recommend \$2,000.						
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71	Haven	\$3,250.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$3,250.00	\$2,500.00		
72	This Rockingham area social service organization is well-funded with federal and state grants, and provides much needed support for violence						
73	prevention and improvement in the well-being of children in the Seacoast area. It has served 433 people in the Seacoast area. In Rye, it has directly						
74	served five children, while providing the excellent Safe Kids Strong Teens program to 201 Rye students and teachers. Forty other towns in our area give						
75	between \$500 and \$12,000 to this organization. They are requesting \$3,250 and we recommend \$2,500, an increase of \$500 over last year's donation.						
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78	HOME HEALTH VNA	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
79	They were formally known as Seacoast VNA, but are now Home Health VNA of NH, that is part of Home Health Foundation and all of which are under						
80	Tufts Home Medical Care at Home, a large Massachusetts based organization and their EIN# belongs to Tufts. They did not submit a Request for						
81	Funding form last year. They did not receive any funding and we requested they be removed from the list. Although they did not receive any						
82	funding last year, they were still sent a Request for Funding form for 2025. Again this year, they did not request funding for 2025. We request they be						
83	permanently be removed from the list.						
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90	Meals on Wheels	\$2,370.00	\$ 2,370.00	\$2,370.00	\$2,370.00		
91	Our community in Rye and the surrounding towns have benefitted from this agency that provides warm nutritious meals via home delivery in all						
92	cities and towns in Rockingham County. This service continues to allow all 31 seniors in Rye and 786 in neighboring Seacoast area communities, to						
93	receive a variety of meal choices while being able to remain in their homes. Meals on Wheels also provides wellness checks to at-risk citizens every						
94	week of the year. We recommend the requested funding of \$2,370.						
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98	New Generation (Catholic Charities)	\$2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	0		
99	New Generation is now part of New Hampshire Catholic Charities and all funding requests would be sent to New Hampshire Catholic Charities.						
100	Although well-funded New Hampshire Catholic Charities provide much needed programs like that of New Generation, they also work with other						
101	religious organizations such as New Frontier Church to provide services to New Generation. Taxpayer dollars should not be spent to support such						
102	specific religious organizations in keeping with the separation of church and state and in fairness to all demoninations. The services they provide are also						
103	provided by other organizations. Last year we requested they not be sent any funds and they be permanently removed from future funding requests.						
104	Last year they were not sent any funding, however, a Request for Funding form was sent to them this year and again, we request they be removed						
105	from the Funding list permanently.						
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108	N.H.S.P.C.A	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
109	This Seacoast area Organizaiton reliably provides caring shelter for domestic animals and pets as well as critical training for pet owners, protecting						
110	innumerable families. In 2023, 104 Rye residents were served through adoption, surrendered animals, humane and education programs, and behavior						
111	training classes. In addition, low-cost rabies and spay/neuter clinics, animal cruelty interventions, pet loss, support groups, and Alzheimer's cafes.						
112	They provide critical support to our farming community when local farm raised food is increasingly critical to the well-being of residents in the Seacoast						
113	area. They have requested \$1,000 and we recommend \$1,000.						
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119	Rockingham Community Action	\$5,996.00	\$ 5,996.00	\$5,996.00	\$5,996.00		
120	RCA supports low-income individuals and families from falling into poverty and/or homelessness by helping assist at-risk families find long term						
121	solutions for their economic needs. They provide emergency energy programs, fuel assistance, homelessness prevention programs, workforce						
122	development and Head Start just to name a few. They served 132 Rye households for a total value of \$202,550 and 22,932 in Rockingham						
123	County for a total value of Services of almost \$38 million. Some of the services provided to Rye residents were Fuel Assistance, Food Pantry, Emergency						
124	Rental and Electrical Assistance. We recommend funding the requested amount of \$5,996.						
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127	Rye Senior Serve	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
128	This local organic Rye organization offers direct services for Rye residents only, that include weekly van trips for groceries, bank, pharmacy and						
129	medical appointments. The organization is run entirely by volunteers. Most of the requested money will go towards the increased operating costs						
130	for the transportation they provide. This service makes it possible for our Rye seniors to remain in their own homes. They provided services to 10-12 van						
131	riders per week and 10-15 van rides per month for medical appointments. We recommend requested funding Of \$2,000.						
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134	Seacoast Family Promise	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		
135	They provide service to families experiencing homelessness. They served 3 Rye residents and in the Seacoast have provided assistance to 154 Seacoast						
136	residents and 308 households. The donation request is reasonable and we approve the requested funding of \$1,500						
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139	Seacoast Mental Health Center	\$6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00		
140	They provide individualized support and education, such as mental health first aid, parenting classes, etc. With 60 years of proactive advocacy, they						
141	are available 24/7 serving the comprehensive mental healthcare needs of residents throughout the greater Seacoast. The mental health issues of						
142	school age children continues to be a challenge. In FY 23 they served 91 Rye residents and in FY24 they served 101 Rye residents. In FY23 and FY24						
143	they served 6,200 in each year. We recommend funding of \$6,000.						
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148	Seacoast Pathways	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		
149	This unique organization works with individuals with mental illness and other co-occurring disorders, such as substance abuse, acquired brain injury						
150	and developmental disability. They follow the Club House model where participants can drop in and receive assistance from staff, but more						
151	importantly with their peers. Participants are referred by the community, mental health centers, hospitals and clinics. We recommend requested						
152	funding of \$1,500.						
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155	Seacoast Shipyard Association	\$500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -		
156	This organization is a lobbying group for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. It was determined by the BOS that those associations requesting funding						
157	would be a 501(c)3 non-profit. They are a 501(c)6 which is non-profit designation given to groups such as business leaders, chambers of commerce, real						
158	estate boards, etc. and was created for the improvement of business conditions. There are some tax benefits, but only for the organization and any						
159	donations made to a 501(c)6 are not tax deductible. We were aware of the article in the Seacoastonline and appreciate a copy of the article sent to						
160	the Committee by the Town Manager. The article showed the employees are very well paid. The employees are part of unions, paydues and hire lobbyists.						
161	We do not recommend funding this organization. Last year we recommended they not receive funding and be removed from the funding list. Although						
162	Although they did not receive funding last year, they were sent a Request for Funding form for 2025. We recommend they be permanently removed						
163	from the funding list.						
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166	Waypoint	\$4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00		
167	This is an outstanding organization that has been in operation for decades (formerly known as Child and Family Services). Their dedicated focus is						
168	on the well-being of children and families by providing essential social services that strengthen family life. They have a strong focus on support and						
169	early intervention in early children that underscores the significant impact of a child's earliest experiences on their brain development. They also give strong						
170	support to the elderly with assistance to help keep them in their homes. They served 18 residents in Rye. In 2022, they served 701 residents in the Seacoast						
171	area, however, in 2023 they experienced a substantial increase, serving 1,130 residents. We recommend funding this organization for the						
172	requested funding of \$4,800.						
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175	\	\$77,600.00	\$ 43,466.00	\$58,216.00	\$42,466.00		