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Organization

Bonnet Shores Fire District Land Trust

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If your Organization information does not appear correct, please contact the funder. Thank you.

Application Due by 09/26/2025 03:00 PM EDT. Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

Organization Information

Total Organization Budget*

7,000.00

Mission Statement*

THE PRIMARY GOALS OF THE BONNET SHORES LAND TRUST ARE TO:

- Preserve Open Space in Bonnet Shores
- Serve and Protect Bonnet Shores' Two Beaches

The Community Center is situated on the Bonnet Shores Fire District Land Trust Property.

On the Land Trust Property is a playground that is used by the community year round weather -permitting.

In addition, the Bonnet Shores Land Trust offers a six(6)week summer camp for for children 5-12 years of age.

The playground and associated grounds are used heavily during that season.

Another feature of this Bonnet Shores Land Trust property is a nature trail used for recreational and educational purposes regularly (341 characters left of 1,000)

People Served (Organization)*

How many people does your organization serve annually?

3000

Organization Affiliation*

What is your affiliation with the organization?

Paid staff member

Consultant

Board member

Volunteer

Other (please specify below)

Organization Affiliation (Other)

If you chose Other above, please specify.

Elected Trustee

Is your organization using a fiscal sponsor?* No, we are a 501(c)(3)

Proposal Questions

Proposal Name*

Name of your proposal.

Bonnet Shores Land Trust Playgrounds Improvements

Amount Requested*

10,000.00

Region Served*

What region will be served by this proposal?

Southern RI

Proposal Start Date

10/20/2025

Proposal End Date

11/17/2025

Proposal Budget*

What is the total cost of your project?

17,701.66

People Served (Proposal)*

How many people will be served through your project?

3000

Narrative Questions

Project Description*

Please provide a detailed description of what you propose to do with the requested grant funds and how your proposal responds to the purpose of the Neighborhood Grants program.

The Bonnet Shores Land Trust would propose the requested funds be implemented in upgrading our open space located behind our Community Center. That open space presently houses a playground that is used year-round by community members and for summer kid's camp ages 5-12 years of age. We are interested in repairing or replacing our existing equipment with new playground features. Some of these new features would include the following: new playground surface replenishment, new playground equipment, new playground features which would include 'Butterfly Bushes' along the outside perimeter of the on-site trail that is located behind the playground surface area. The playground and associated grounds are used heavily during the summer camp season. The Bonnet Shores Land Trust nature trail is used for recreational and educational purposes regularly. A perfect meeting spot. There are Memorial Benches on that sight where the families honor those beloved members of their family that have passed on, never to be forgotten.

This requested grant funding would provide the Bonnet Shores Land Trust the opportunity increase community engagement within our Bonnet Shores Fire District Community by sharing traditions that connect neighbors, engaging more volunteerism and hosting more neighborhood gatherings.

One in particular comes to mind. It is our Bonnet Daze Road Race. This race was organized by Bonnet Community members one year in advance. It was a 'Rain or Shine' event. Tee-Shirts were sold so all that walked or ran the three(3)mile loop was identified as a community supporter by the Tee-Shirt each wore. There would be a huge community gathering at our Bonnet Shores Community Center. Pizza was plentiful! A great time was had by all!

The Bonnet Shores Land Trust and the Bonnet Shores Fire District needs a face-lift. This grant could possibly be exactly what is needed to regain the momentum back that was sustained for many, many years by this community.

Your purpose statement reflects the Bonnet Shores Community that I knew in 1973. There were many before my arrival celebrating all of the items listed under PURPOSE. Our Bonnet Shores Land Trust would be proud to be the liaison that ignites the entire Bonnet Shores Fire District Community. Thank You ! (729 characters left of 3,000)

Communities Served*

Please describe the geographic area(s) and demographics of the population(s) served by your organization and the work supported through your grant proposal.

Located in the north end of Narragansett RI, the Bonnet Shores Land Trust serves the taxpayers of Bonnet Shores Fire District Community. As our primary goals are to preserve open space and to serve and protect our two beaches, all of which is shared with everyone in our community including their families, friends and guests.

The demographics of our community is varied. Ages vary from newborn to over ninety years of age. Race varies as we have white, African American, Asian, and Middle Eastern

Income and education varies depending on that individuals skill-set and job title from gardeners, school teachers, real estate agent, attorneys, nurses, environmentalists, house wives, stay at home dad's,

musicians, family business, store clerk, and more. What matters is this... we are an all inclusive community. Color, creed, type of job income size of the house just does not matter. Everyone is welcome and treated with kindness and respect.

Each of the families of our Bonnet Community will have the ability to enjoy this beautiful play set anytime of day with their family and friends. Attendees enrolled in our summer camp and our community children will enjoy as well. This new play set will be enjoyed by all children ages 5-12 years of age (254 characters left of 1,500)

Goals/Objectives*

Please describe the goals and objectives to be accomplished through the activities in your grant proposal.

The primary goal of this grant application is to assist the Bonnet Shores Land Trust with the monies needed for this goal. Since we, the BSFD Land Trust, is an arm of the Fire District - our money comes from the Bonnet Shores Fire District Council. It is not until prior to our Annual Meeting that we can submit a budget request that must be approved by the 2/3 of the tax payer base at that Annual Meeting. If we were awarded this grant, it would be a tremendous gift and stepping stone. Through this grant proposal we will have the chance to update our playground for many years to come. The selected play set is durable lasting for twenty(20) years. Going forward our Land Trust would create fundraising events such as Tee Shirt sales or ticket sales for a social event. These types of intentions would bring the community together as a whole while improving community strength and bonding during our process to enhance the playground area. (557 characters left of 1,500)

Design and Delivery*

Please describe who is involved in the design of your proposed project and how it will be delivered. Include information about any collaborating partners.

Vendor is Hearthside - Warwick 790 Bald Hill Rd Warwick, RI 02886

Hearthside Salesman/KC-7 & Quote - Paul Lamy

Hearthside Owner/ Project Designer - Ryan Shanahan

George Sherman Sand & Gravel/surface replenishment - Deb Sherman

Bonnet Shores Land Trust Chair/ Grant Application - Joan Fandetti

Bonnet Shores District Manager/Oversees Camp - Mark Gillooly

Inter Local Trust - The Trust/Bonnet Insurance - Colleen M. Bodziony

R. I. Land Trust Alliance/Emailed Grant Information - Kate Sayles

The structure will be delivered to the Bonnet Shores Community Center 130 Bonnet Shores Road Narragansett, RI 02882

Mark Gillooly, BSFD District Manager and I, Joan Fandetti BSFD LT Chair will be present

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Budget

Budget Explanation*

Consistent with your proposed budget, explain how you plan to support this project and use the grant funds. Please upload a budget using the template provided below.

The Bonnet Shores Land Trust has requested the consideration for a grant amount of \$10,000.00

This grant amount of \$10,000.00 will facilitate the following items: new durable plastic-coated swing set, slides and more, surface replenishment like beach sand, Butterfly Bushes to plant in proximity to the playset and along the trail perimeter.

This Rhode Island Foundation grant money will greatly assist our project for playground enhancements for future generations to come!

The Bonnet Shores Land Trust is in the process of designing a Tee-Shirt as a means to acquire money through our Bonnet Community support

The Bonnet Shores Land Trust will plan a future event perhaps another Bonnet Daze Race or a fundraiser at our Community Center.

Our Bonnet Community is growing and changing daily. It is important to promote community gatherings that promote collaboration, share traditions, neighborhood gatherings, and volunteerism. The Land Trust wants to be in the forefront of this process

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Budget Form*

Please use this template. *** see separate sheet

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Neighborhood-Grants-Budget-Form.xlsx[33.6 KiB]

Other Attachments

IRS 501 (C) Tax Determination Letter (not a tax-exempt certificate)

This is required ONLY IF YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS NEVER APPLIED TO THE RIF FOR FUNDING. If an organization is serving as the fiscal sponsor for this project, please submit the 501 (c) tax determination letter for the fiscal sponsor.

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IRS Approval Letter for Reinstatement-fixed.pdf[44.4 KiB]

Fiscal Sponsor Agreement

If you are using a fiscal sponsor, please attach a copy of the signed agreement outlining the terms and conditions of the sponsorship.

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