



PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE

Nonprofit Assistance Final Report

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Project Identification Number: 10026

Pandemic Recovery Office Approval Date: August 30, 2022

Project Completion Date: September 30, 2024

Funding Amount: \$20,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34 Negative Economic Impacts: Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

Problem Statement: The Rhode Island Foundation (RI Foundation) surveyed nonprofit organizations in March 2020 and found that most experienced direct revenue losses due to reduced programming, client payments, and/or reimbursement for services. In September 2021, the Grantmakers Council of Rhode Island conducted a survey to understand the challenges facing nonprofit organizations and the communities they serve. Key findings included:

- 75% of respondents started new programs in response to the pandemic, yet 73% did not reduce pre-pandemic programming.
- 59% of respondents believed that demand for services would continue increasing as government relief programs ended.
- The most pressing challenges were financial (64%), staffing (55%), and organizational capacity (53%).¹

Project Overview: RI Foundation provided general operating grants to 240 nonprofit organizations that work to address food insecurity, housing instability and homelessness prevention, and behavioral health needs. Applicants had to be an I.R.C. § 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Rhode Island or have a fiscal sponsor/agent based in Rhode Island. Nonprofit hospitals, educational institutions, and foundations were ineligible.

¹ [Grantmakers Council of Rhode Island/United Way of Rhode Island 2021 COVID-19 Impact on RI Nonprofits Survey](#)

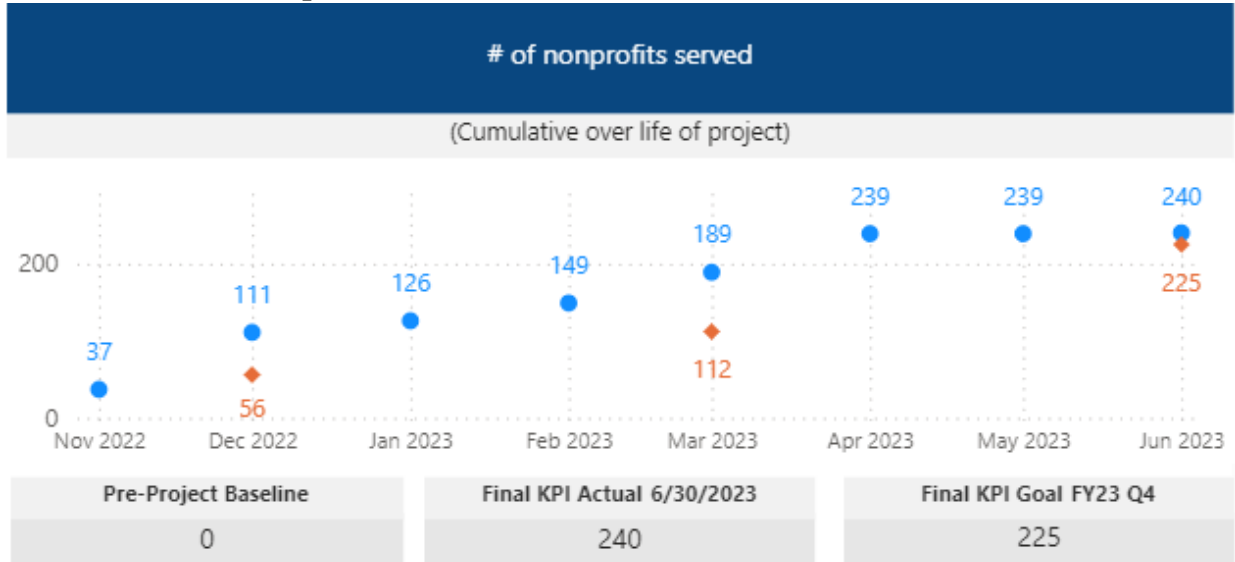
Financial Overview: All program payments can be found on the [Pandemic Recovery Office’s website](#) by filtering the “Project” box for “Nonprofit Assistance.” The table below shows planned expenditures by fiscal quarter and actual expenditures by fiscal quarter:

Fiscal Year Quarter	Planned Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
FY 2023 Q2	\$5,001,500	\$10,366,500
FY 2023 Q3	\$5,001,500	\$6,450,805
FY 2023 Q4	\$9,984,496	\$3,182,695
FY 2024 Q1	-	-
FY 2024 Q2	-	-
FY 2024 Q3	-	-
FY 2024 Q4	\$12,504	-
Total	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<p><i>Notes:</i> A single audit fee applies to all State Fiscal Recovery Fund projects and accounts for \$6,000 of the planned and actual expenditures shown in the above table.</p>		

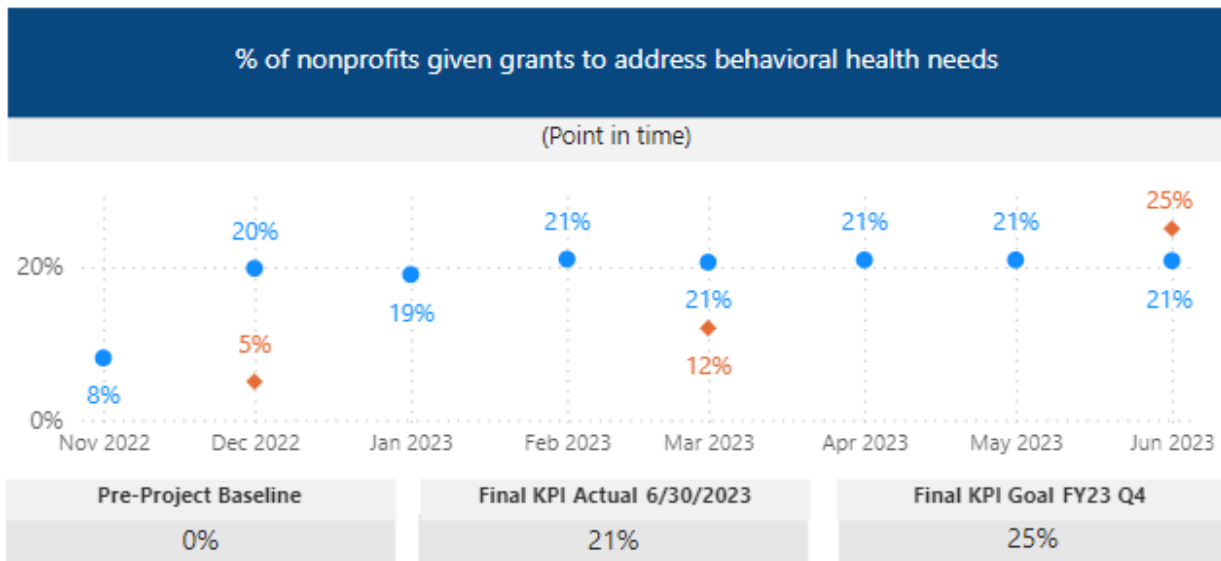
Key Performance Indicators: The following are the key performance indicators based on quarterly goals and monthly data collections.

Legend: ● Actual KPI Value Reported ◆ Quarterly Goals

1. Number of nonprofits served

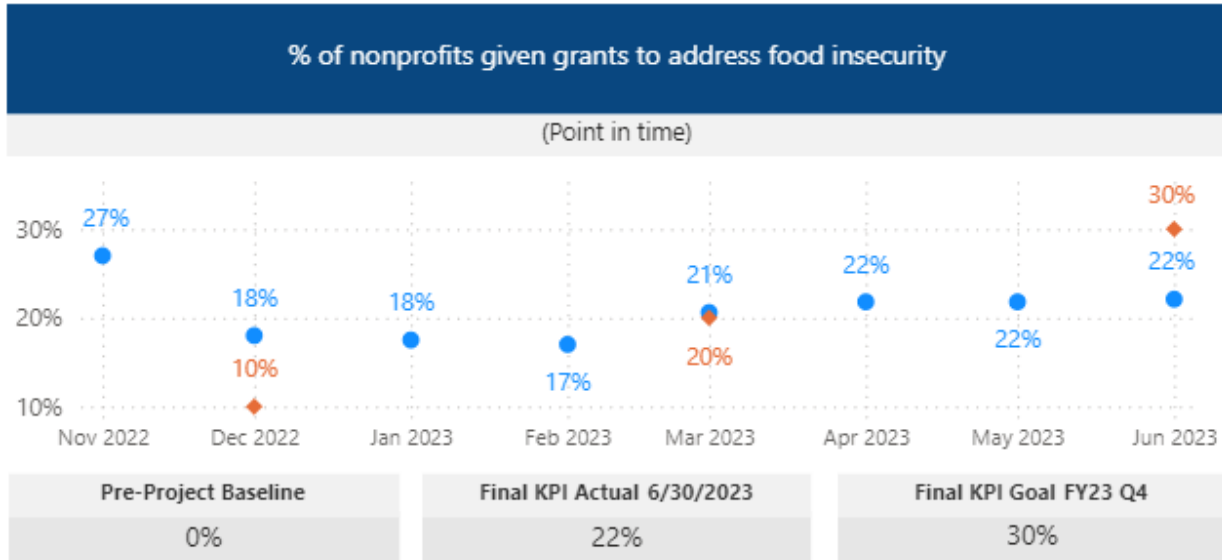


2. Percentage of nonprofits given grants to address behavioral health needs

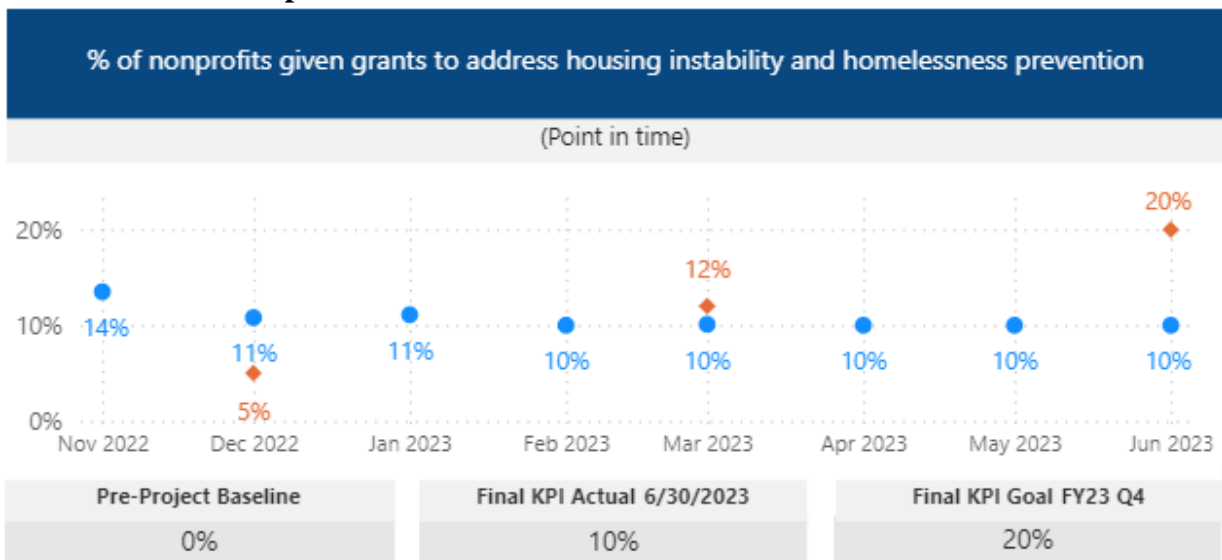


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3. Percentage of nonprofits given grants to address food insecurity

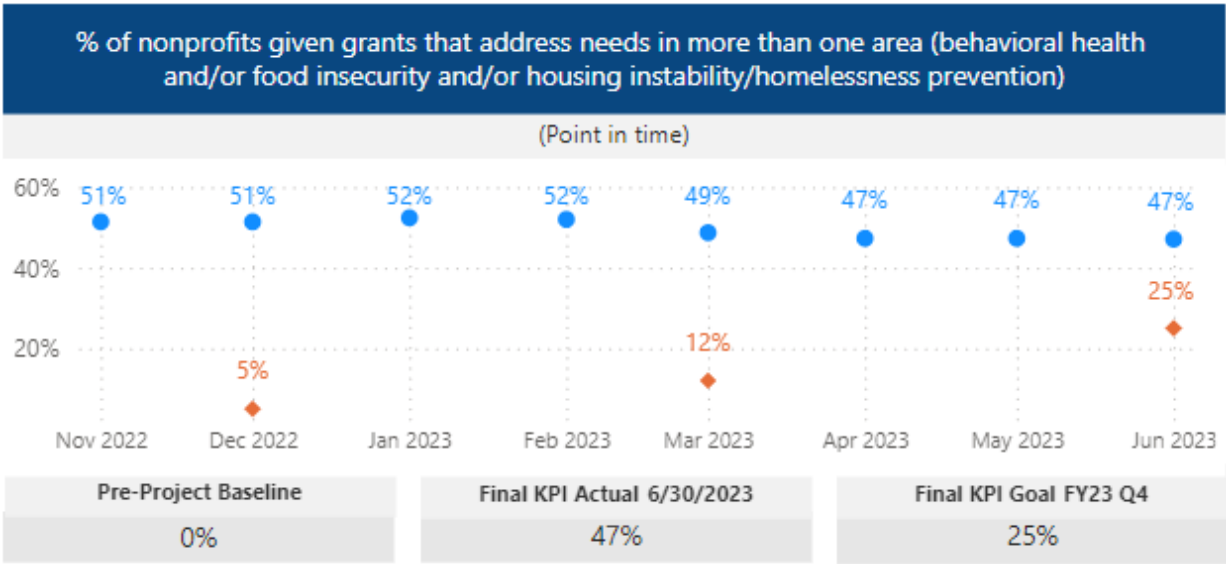


4. Percentage of nonprofits given grants to address housing instability and homelessness prevention

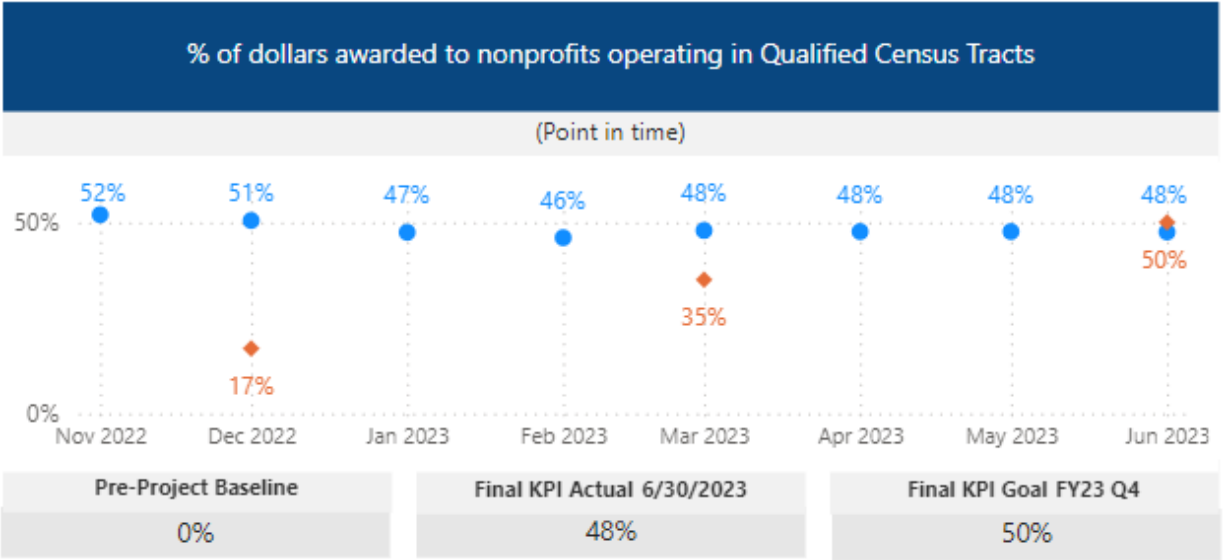


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5. Percentage of nonprofits given grants that address needs in more than one area

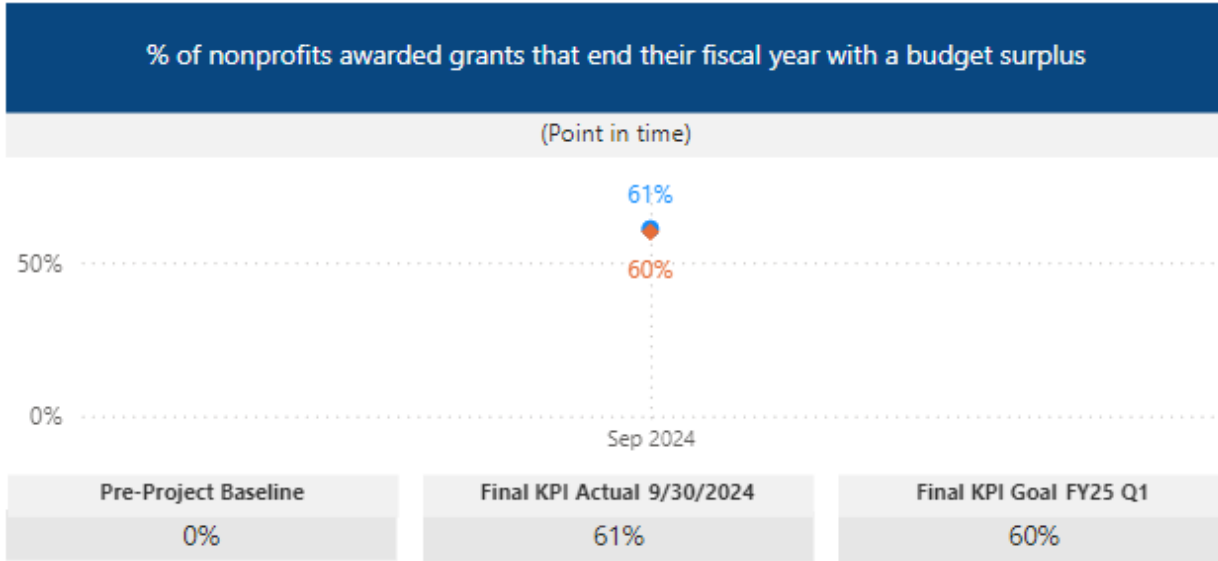


6. Percentage of dollars awarded to nonprofits operating in Qualified Census Tracts

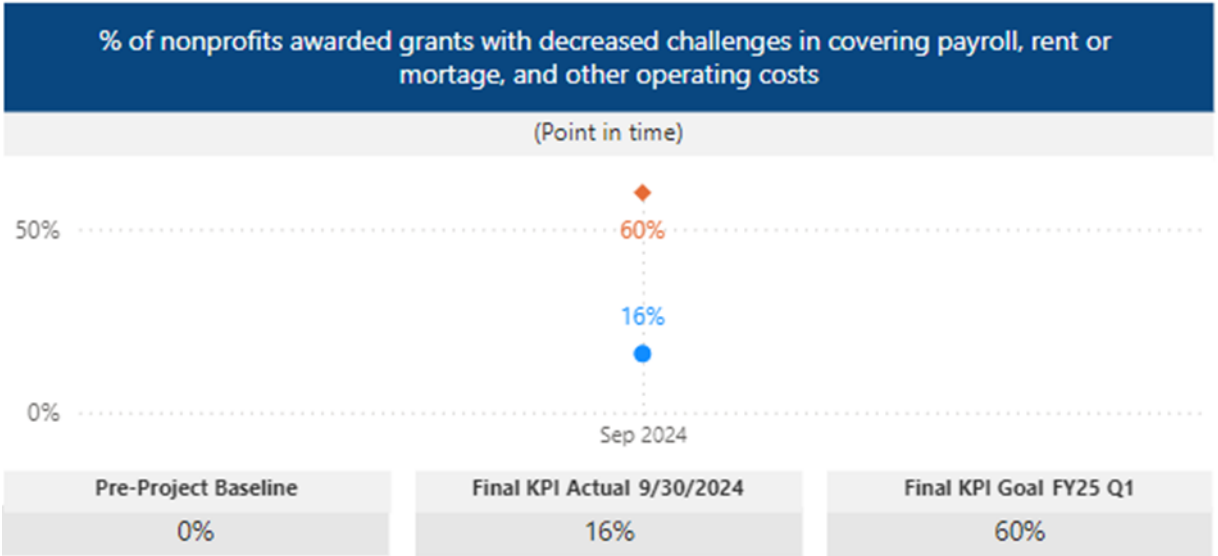




7. Percentage of nonprofits awarded grants that end their fiscal year with a budget surplus



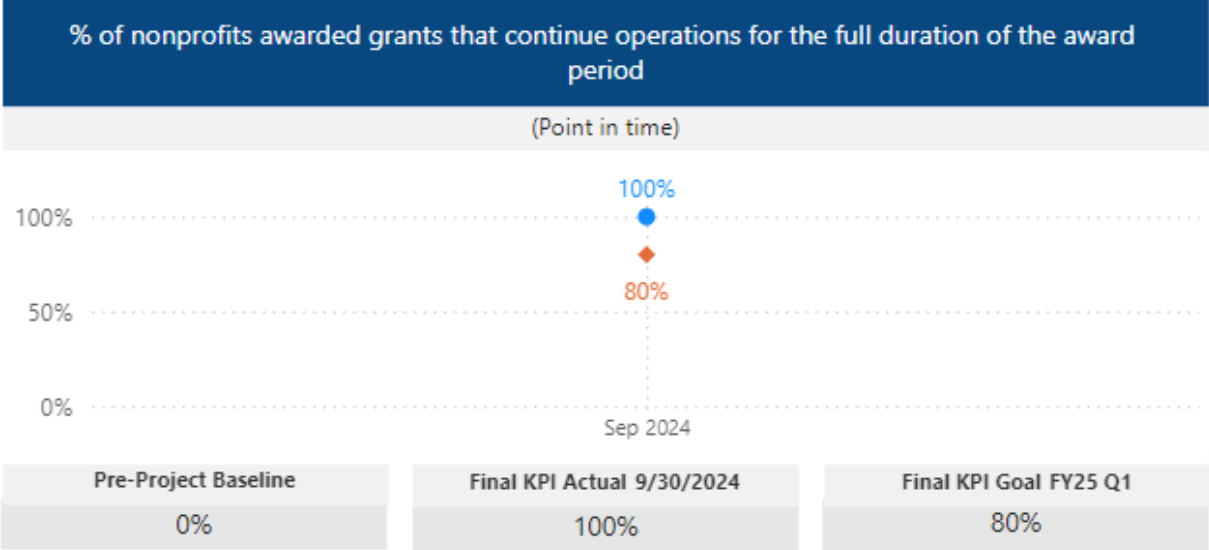
8. Percentage of nonprofits awarded grants with decreased challenges in covering payroll, rent or mortgage, and other operating costs²



² The original key performance indicator agreed to by the Rhode Island Foundation was to measure the percentage of nonprofits that had decreased challenges from the pandemic after receipt of the grant. The baseline for this KPI was 0% and the KPI was a positive measure indicting the percentage of nonprofits that had decreased challenges from the pandemic after receipt of the grant. The goal for this measure was 60%. The data reported to the Pandemic Recovery Office (PRO) by the Rhode Island Foundation, however, matched organization pre- and post-responses and calculated the percentage of organizations that did not report continued economic challenges at the end of the award period. PRO interpreted that to be the comparative measure for the original KPI.

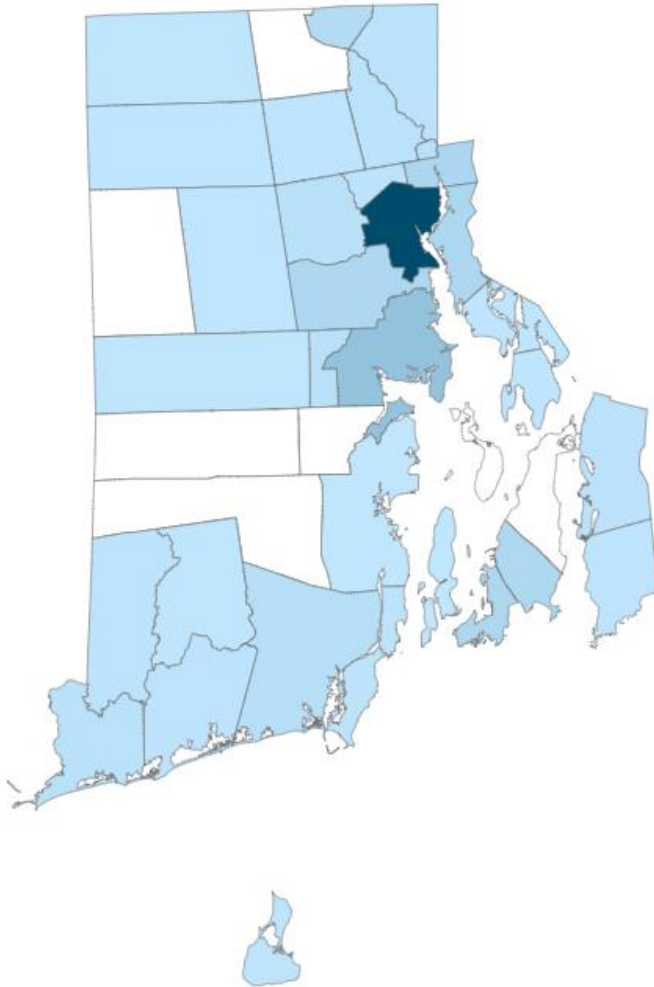
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9. Percentage of nonprofits awarded grants that continue operations for the full duration of the award period³



³ The award period for a nonprofit was one year from the date the nonprofit received its assistance grant.

Distribution of Nonprofit Assistance Grants by Location



Municipality	Nonprofits	Sum of Amount
BARRINGTON	1	\$50,000
BRISTOL	1	\$50,000
BURRILLVILLE	3	\$57,000
CENTRAL FALLS	4	\$360,000
CHARLESTOWN	3	\$190,000
COVENTRY	1	\$75,000
CRANSTON	9	\$872,675
CUMBERLAND	6	\$260,000
EAST PROVIDENCE	10	\$859,000
GLOCESTER	1	\$50,000
HOPKINTON	2	\$195,000
JAMESTOWN	1	\$35,000
JOHNSTON	5	\$377,500
LINCOLN	4	\$222,500
LITTLE COMPTON	3	\$144,000
MIDDLETOWN	8	\$825,000
NARRAGANSETT	2	\$175,000
NEW SHOREHAM	1	\$125,000
NEWPORT	11	\$887,520
NORTH KINGSTOWN	1	\$20,650
NORTH PROVIDENCE	2	\$161,000
PAWTUCKET	13	\$915,000
PROVIDENCE	101	\$8,636,360
RICHMOND	1	\$75,000
SCITUATE	1	\$50,000
SMITHFIELD	2	\$150,000
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	6	\$485,000
TIVERTON	4	\$245,000
WARREN	2	\$92,500
WARWICK	18	\$2,020,000
WEST WARWICK	4	\$363,295
WESTERLY	4	\$325,000
WOONSOCKET	5	\$620,000
Total	240	\$19,969,000

Location is based on the headquarters of the nonprofit, which, in many cases, does not represent the full geographic area for services.