

RHODE ISLAND

United Way to offer financial-stability grants

Financially struggling Rhode Islanders could get help soon from a \$1.6-million grant from United Way of Rhode Island.

The money will help low- and moderate-income residents increase savings, earn more and build assets.

The grant will go to nine agencies over the next three years, beginning in January. The agencies “will help Rhode Islanders make responsible fiscal decisions, plan for a financial future and maintain savings,” said United Way president Anthony Maione.

The grant is part of a long-term effort by United Way to strengthen the state’s economy by identifying and attacking the causes of the fiscal hardship that facing individuals and families face, Maione said.

The agencies receiving money are Comprehensive Community Action Program; Connecting for Children and Families; Education in Action; John Hope Settlement House Collaborative; Family Resources Community Action; Rhode Island Family Life Center; Rhode Island Foster Parents Association; Rhode Island Jumpstart Coalition; and Tri-Town Community Action Agency.

More than 30 agencies applied for the money. After extensive deliberations, nine agencies were picked to divvy up \$562,000 per year.

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