

WOMEN'S fund

R H O D E I S L A N D

2025

Annual

Report

A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Dear Friends,

In 2025, the Women's Fund of Rhode Island continued to expand our reach, deepen our partnerships, and strengthen our impact across the state.

We engaged more than **4,200 people** through programs, presentations, and community events that built leadership, strengthened civic participation, and advanced economic opportunity for women and girls. Our research, including updates to the **Women's Well-Being Index** and the **Rhode Island Girls Report**, helped inform policy conversations and equip advocates, educators, and lawmakers with the data needed to drive change.



We also distributed nearly **\$100,000** in grants to organizations advancing housing stability, reproductive health, disability justice, youth leadership, and economic security. Through our advocacy, we supported **48 bills**, contributing to important progress on paid family leave, maternal health, and reproductive access.

As we prepare to celebrate our **25th anniversary in 2026**, we remain focused on the work ahead—and grateful for the community that makes this progress possible.

With gratitude,

Kelly Nevins

CEO, Women's Fund of Rhode Island

A YEAR OF IMPACT

3

research reports, briefs, and indexes released and updated

10+

programs hosted and supported

12

organizations funded through strategic grants

44%

of our budget went directly to programs and grants

48

bills supported, with several significant wins/partial wins

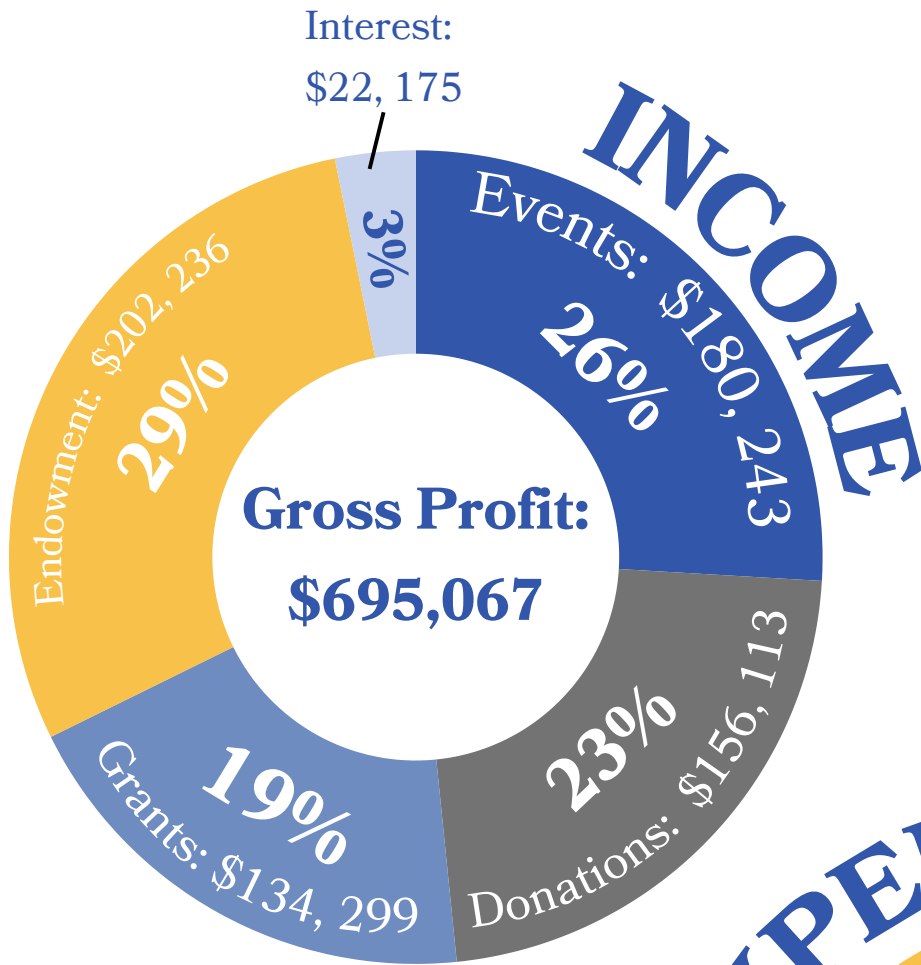
48%

increase in event income, fueling more opportunities for outreach

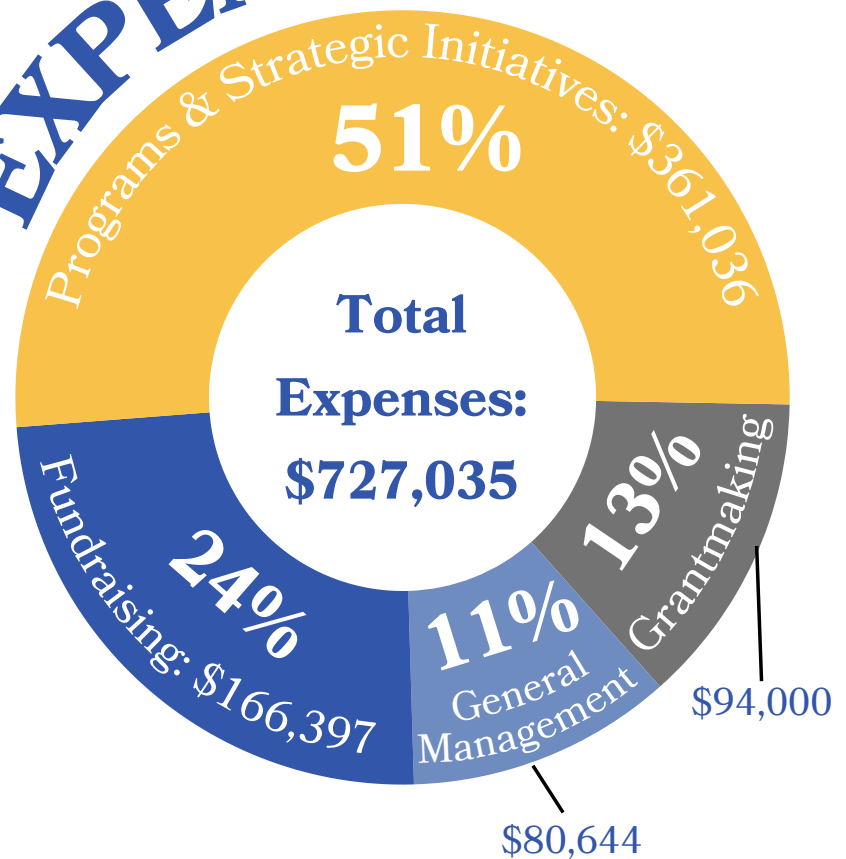
4,200+

people reached through presentations, convenings, and programs

FINANCIAL REPORT



EXPENSES



LEGISLATION

**IN 2025, WFRI SUPPORTED
48 BILLS.**

WINS/PARTIAL WINS INCLUDE:



Paid Family Leave/TCI Expansion increases the individual contribution base to \$100,000; an incremental wage reimbursement rate from the current 60% to 70% in 2027 and 75% in 2028; siblings may now use paid family leave to care for each other.

Nonprofit Financial Reporting Threshold requirement for financial audits has been increased from \$500,000 to \$1M or more.

Pharmacists may now prescribe birth control for a full year (removes the three month limit that was previously in place)

Health insurance reimbursements for independent midwives and lactation consultants passed in the Senate.

PROGRAMMING



GALENTINE'S AND PALENTINES



WELCOME WOMEN LEGISLATORS



RI GIRLS REPORT LAUNCH



DIVA EMPOWERMENT CONCERT



ELEVATE YOUR CAREER

PROGRAMMING



WOMEN'S POLICY INSTITUTE GRADUATION

ADVOCACY 101

STEP UP, STAND OUT & GET ELECTED

HOW DATA INFORMS POLICY

RISE: YOUNG WOMEN'S PANEL



WOMEN LEADING CHANGE

GRANT IMPACT

In 2025, we made grants to 12 organizations amounting to nearly \$100,000.

Amos House \$10,000	ARISE \$10,000	Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England \$2,500
Girls on the Run \$2,500	Planned Parenthood of Southern New England \$10,000	RAMP (Real Access Motivates Progress) \$10,000
Refugee Dream Center \$8,738	RI Abortion Fund \$20,000	RI Coalition to End Homelessness \$8,738
RI for Community & Justice \$2,500	The Womxn Project Education Fund \$2,500	Young Voices \$8,678

OUR RESEARCH



This year, WFRI, alongside several other local nonprofits, published the first **RI Girls Report**, the first comprehensive data source focused on the **well-being of girls in Rhode Island**.

In December, the **RI Girls Coalition** (WFRI, Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England, Girls on the Run Rhode Island, Rhode Island for Community & Justice, and The Womxn Project Education Fund) was awarded the Rhode Island Foundation's **Catalyst Grant**, which will use the findings of this report to advance **well-being for girls and gender-expansive youth**.

Other research included updates to the **Women's Well-Being Index** and new **policy briefs** on women's health, economic security, and civic engagement.

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LOOKING AHEAD

2026 marks **Women's Fund of Rhode Island's 25th anniversary**—a quarter century of advocating for, researching, and funding gender equity throughout the state. As we celebrate our accomplishments, we recognize that **our work is far from over.**



With the current administration attacking **diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts** and restricting accessible voting, our mission is more important now than ever. By creating opportunities for women, girls, and underrepresented populations, we aim to **educate** and **empower** more people to create meaningful change.

Get involved with WFRI in 2026 by **volunteering, donating, attending our events, following us on social media, and subscribing to our newsletter!**

Thank you for your support. We are excited to continue making change together.

In Solidarity,
The WFRI Staff and Board

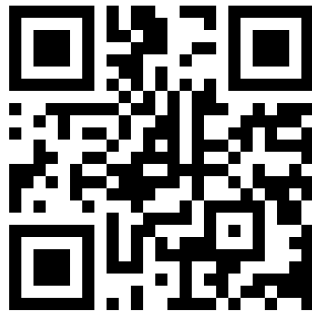


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