



WHAT IS THE RWU COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS CENTER?

The Roger Williams University (RWU) Community Partnerships Center (CPC) provides project-based assistance to nonprofit organizations and government agencies in communities in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. Our mission is to undertake and complete projects that will benefit the local community while providing RWU students with experience in real-world projects that deepen their academic experiences.

CPC projects draw upon students and faculty from RWU programs in areas such as:

- Accounting
- Architecture
- Business
- Communication
- Community Development
- Construction Management
- Digital Media
- Education
- Engineering
- Environmental science and sustainability
- Finance
- Graphic Design
- History & American Studies
- Historic preservation
- Justice studies
- Law
- Management
- Marketing
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Public Relations
- Urban Design
- Visual Arts
- Web Development
- Writing Studies

The Center has completed projects ranging from; market research and planning, historical research, mill redevelopment feasibility studies, urban policy analysis, design projects for affordable housing and education facilities, community business district revitalization, neighborhood revitalization plans, museum exhibit design, historic building rehabilitation studies, social services research, website and graphic design, environmental sustainability planning, and survey development.

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HOW CAN YOUR ORGANIZATION PARTNER WITH THE RWU CPC?

As we prepare for upcoming semesters, we are seeking new projects that can benefit local communities while providing our student/faculty teams with opportunities to apply their learning, engage the community, and create final products that provide benefits to all.

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis and held for consideration for upcoming academic semesters.

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Application for CPC Project Assistance

Instructions: We encourage non-profit organizations and municipal agencies to contact the CPC with ideas for projects that can benefit the community while providing meaningful service-learning for RWU students. Please fill out the Application for Project Assistance, answering all applicable questions and including all supporting documents.

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SECTION 1: Organization Information

Name of Organization:

Mailing Address:

Name of Project Contact Person(s):

Contact Information:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Type of Organization

Public (town, city, municipality, special district, government agency) ☐

Private (citizen, non-profit)

Other (please explain)

Description of Organization and Mission:

On average, how many individuals does your organization serve per year?

How did you hear about the CPC?

SECTION 2: Project Description

Title of the Project:

Project Location (Address, City, State, and Zip):

General Project Description (*you may attach a longer narrative if necessary*):

Potential Scope of Work/Tasks for RWU CPC¹ (*you may attach a longer narrative if necessary*):

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What will be the final product output for this project? (*survey, website, design plans, drawings, etc.*)

Proposed Project Schedule (when the tasks/project needs to be completed):

Please provide the names and contact information for any staff members or volunteers who will be playing a primary role in the proposed CPC project.

What resources/previous work would the CPC be building upon that you already have completed? (Please select all items that are applicable)

Strategic Plan

Marketing & Communication Plans

Additional organizational documents

Preliminary photos of the site/project

Maps

Previous research

Survey results

Architectural or building plans

What active support would your organization be able to contribute should your project be selected?

Funding

Volunteers

Staff time

Consultants

Other (please list)

SECTION 3: Project Outcomes

Please describe how this project will benefit your organization and the advancement of your mission:

Please describe how this project might benefit the overall community, including specific groups that could benefit from this project (i.e. target populations, neighborhoods, specific town/city/region).

Please explain why you have chosen to seek assistance from the RWU CPC with your project request, instead of undertaking the project using fee-for-services from a paid professional:

Please describe how this project will benefit RWU students.

SECTION 4: Financial Information

What is your organization's annual operating budget? Please include a copy of your most recent budget with the application.

What are your major sources of funding?

How much funding from your annual operating budget is set aside for this project (if any)?

SECTION 5: Private Sector Involvement

Have you or your organization discussed the project with practicing professionals (e.g. architect, engineer, planner, consultants, etc.)? *(please choose one):* Yes No

If no, please explain why:

SECTION 6: Supporting Documents

Please include the following items when submitting your application:

Budget for the current fiscal year

List of current Board members

Copies of supporting resources identified in section 2 as needed to support your application