

TOWN OF SCITUATE

Office of the Treasurer
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TO: Organizations Receiving Town Funds
FROM: Town of Scituate Budget Committee
DATE: December 19, 2022
RE: Preparation of your FY 2023/2024, 15 Month Budget

It is time to prepare annual budgets for the next fiscal year. Since it is the Town's intent to change the fiscal year to coincide with the state fiscal year, I am asking all organizations to prepare your budgets in the following manner:

FISCAL YEAR	LENGTH	TIME PERIOD
FY 23/24	12-months	April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023
FY 23/24	3-months	April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024

Please take care when estimating the cost needed for the extra three months in FY23/24. Only include costs for programs and services that will be incurred during the added three-month period. Non-town sources of revenue should be included to give a full picture of your organization's operations. As in the past, backup material and information must be included to support budget requests.

Public Budget Hearings will begin in mid-January. **Please submit your budget request and supporting documentation to the Treasurer's Office no later than Friday, January 6, 2023.** An agenda with your hearing date and time will be sent to you as soon as it is available.

The Budget Committee thanks you for your cooperation.

THE SAMARITANS OF RI

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1977- 2023

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The Honorable Scituate Budget Committee
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January 13, 2023

Dear Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to present this 2023/2024 request for municipal support. We are requesting level funding in the amount of \$500.

From January 2022 to November 2022, our Providence County website and social media contacts were: 210,912. Town of Scituate 2,165 (1.06%)

The pandemic's impact on The Samaritans of RI and those we serve has challenged our board, staff and volunteers in ways never imagined but the resolve to not give up matches our will to create new systems and protocols to reach those who need us – ***the isolated and alone, the hopeless, the suicidal, their caregivers and the grieving.***

Our volunteers are the core of our programs serving as citizen ambassadors for suicide prevention. This application will directly support our The Samaritans Crisis/Hotline/Listening Line Volunteer Scholarship Program

Crisis Hotline training is the gateway to all volunteer opportunities with The Samaritans including our Safe Place Grief Support Group; Youth and Teen Education; and Community Education including our Public Education Programs; LifeLine Prison Befriending Program and Forget-Me-Not Gallery.

Supporting Suicide Prevention Barriers

As you may know, we are working with local advocates educating the public about the need for physical suicide prevention barriers on the state's bridges over Narragansett Bay. An initial \$1 million dollars has been appropriated to commission engineering studies for two of the four bridges but we are far from the finish line. Please join us in signing the online petition letting our federal and state leaders know these preventable tragedies must come to an end. To sign, please go to www.tinyurl.com/ribridgingthegap

With many challenges ahead, we again, thank you for your support.

Working together, we are truly Rhode Islanders helping Rhode Islanders.


Denise Panichas, Executive Director

One hundred percent (100%) of all charitable donations to The Samaritans of RI support our local, Rhode Island based charity.

www.samaritansri.org

**FY24 Municipal Budget
Line Item Back Up Form**

Department account #/name: The Samaritans of Rhode Island

Line-item account #/name: Crisis Hotline/Listening Line Scholarship Program

Requested amount: \$500.

Budget Notes:

1. Short description of the line item if line-item title is not self-explanatory.

The Samaritans of RI (SAMSRI) continues to request a civic appropriation in the amount of \$500 to support our Crisis Hotline/Listening Line Scholarship Program underwriting the partial costs of recruiting, training and maintaining adult, medical/graduate school and college-age volunteers for one year. Each trained volunteer commits to (1) four-hour shift per week up to 200 hours of community service per year. Trained volunteers staff our Crisis Hotline/Listening Line, Safe Place grief support group, teen education, public education, Lifeline prison program and assist with the maintenance of our website dedicated to suicide prevention resources for all 39 RI cities and towns.

2. Brief justification for funding request and increase/decrease, if applicable.

All services are volunteer based, free of charge.

SAMSRI requests level funding of \$500.

3. Further defining detail (may be included as attachment).

Established in 1977, SAMSRI holds a unique role in RI's behavioral health community. For 45 years, we have shined a light into the darkness of the hopeless, alone, suicidal and the grieving. Using the internationally recognized model of anonymous, nonjudgmental listening called "befriending", we listen, we help and we have been their voice. There are no pre-qualifications to call The Samaritans or to use our website – no preregistration, no diagnosis needed, no 3rd party reimbursements. We have no drive for market share.

From 2020 to Oct. 2022: Received 6,231+ Hotline/Listening Line befriending calls of which 827 were COVID related; made 6,215+ referrals to emergency/medical/behavioral health resources; received 78,921 website visitors and 500+ visitors to our COVID Emergency/COVID RI Commerce pages; received 30,709+ social media/Facebook views on our COVID related postings covering COVID resources and grief and loss.

From current efforts advocating for physical suicide prevention barriers on the state's bridges over Narragansett Bay to training 1741+ current/alumni volunteers in befriending/suicide prevention, we remain a trusted, consistent, impactful civic organization.

4. Other information to explain/support request, if necessary.

Our most recently completed 990 tax return is available on the IRS website.
For more information about SAMSRI and its programs, please visit www.samaritansri.org

The Samaritans of Rhode Island
Project Budget - Basis for Estimate
Our Fiscal Year is July 1st - June 30th

ESTIMATED BUDGET ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY

Illustrative Budget: April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023 - \$182,479

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Illustrative Program Budget - \$182,479 – \$36,496 (A&O@ 20%) = \$145,983 budgeted for Program Support. All program/direct service volunteers, regardless of their program responsibility, must complete our 21-hour training class and/or participate in a suicide prevention orientation. Volunteers staff all agency programs: Crisis Hotline/Listening Line, Safe Place grief support group, Youth and Teen Education, Forget-Me-Not Gallery, Community Education Center, LifeLine prison befriending program. Program costs include maintaining our toll-free telephone line, rent, heat, light, insurance, supplies, printing, year-round volunteer recruitment, training and retention, supervision, ongoing education, as well as program coordination.

Other volunteers not only helped staff our agency programs and special events but also provided many professional services we otherwise would have purchased. Among those services were legal, architectural and design, construction, electric and handyman, website, business support, editing, docent and hostess, project management and more.

Funding Request Description - To underwrite the partial cost of recruiting, training and maintaining adult, medical, graduate school and college-age volunteers for one year. Each trained volunteer commits to (1) four-hour shift per week up to 200 hours of community service per year.

Cost to Callers

There is no cost for our callers. To assure access by residents in all 39 cities and towns, we maintain a statewide toll- free number.

Request

Total Request: \$500.