Established in 2013, the Earth Day Clean Up Grants Program provides financial assistance to community organizations in the Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) service area for restoration efforts along impacted waterways and public spaces. The grants, funded with monies paid in penalty by environmental violators, enable projects that have positive impact on the environment or improve aquatic habitat, have a long-term environmental/beautification impact, and have an environmental education component. In addition to financial assistance, the NBC provides technical assistance to help community groups organize their events and loans out clean-up tools, waders, and other supplies.

In the program’s six years, the NBC has assisted over 100 organizations, supported thousands of volunteers, and committed over $65,000 to local organizations cleaning and protecting local waterways.