

Grant Opportunities

The Community Foundation promotes two broad grantmaking goals that align with our vision for community change: 1) creating an equitable community and 2) strengthening our region's vitality.

Creating an Equitable Community



Closing Academic Achievement and Opportunity Gaps

Making a significant and sustainable reduction in academic achievement and opportunity gaps as experienced by many children, with emphasis on children living in the City of Rochester.



Fostering Racial and Ethnic Understanding and Equity

Creating community awareness of racial and ethnic inequities and building sustained, community-based collaborative initiatives that remediate and prevent such inequities.



Partnering Against Poverty

Creating community awareness and understanding of the concentration of poverty and how it affects our community, and encouraging efforts that address its effects.

Strengthening Our Region's Vitality



Supporting Arts and Culture

Encouraging vibrant and diverse arts and cultural offerings and improving the capacity of local arts organizations.



Preserving Historical Assets

Preserving our region's rich historical assets and promoting educational efforts that build on these assets.



Advancing Environmental Justice and Sustainability

Addressing the threats of climate change, prompting individual

and collective action, and ensuring that everyone in greater Rochester has equitable access to an inclusive green economy.



Promoting Successful Aging

Fostering successful aging by helping to create more age-friendly communities.

Competitive grant opportunities are also available throughout the year from our five giving circles.

A giving circle is a group of like-minded individuals who pool their money each year and decide together how it should be distributed. These groups also offer social, educational, and engagement opportunities and help provide a more thorough understanding of philanthropy and community issues.

Community Foundation Giving Circles

The Community Foundation also provides funding opportunities through Advisory Committee Funds and Quick Review Grants.

Advisory Committee Funds

The following funds are administered by volunteer committees with support from Community Foundation staff members.

- **Bullis Fund**

Created through the estate of Nettie Bullis to benefit the residents of Wayne County, particularly people

living in Macedon and the area served by the Palmyra-Macedon School District. [Learn more](#)

- **Feinbloom Supporting Foundation**

Established as a supporting organization of the Community Foundation after the sale of family-owned Champion Products. [Learn more](#) about the Feinbloom Supporting Foundation's child-focused grants within the categories of arts and culture, violence prevention, and youth. [Learn more](#)

- **Sands Family Supporting Foundation**

Established to expand the Sands family's philanthropic legacy and to perpetuate it through the future generations of their family.

- **Wayne County Community Endowment**

For changing needs of the Wayne County community. [Learn more](#)

- **John F. Wegman Fund**

Continues the purposes of a private foundation established in 1954 by the will of John F. Wegman. Supports concerns of the elderly, character-building opportunities for youth, and improved labor/management relations. [Learn more](#)

- **Yates Community Endowment**

This endowment fund, created with a challenge grant from the Nord Family Foundation and local matching gifts, aims to make a long-term, positive impact on Yates County. [Learn more](#)

Quick Review Grants

These opportunities provide funding in the areas of aging, arts and culture, children, education, health, and historical preservation. There are no set deadlines; applications are reviewed as they are received. [Learn more](#)