

PROGRAM/DISTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE
February 2021 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
Poverty Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Community Impact Grant Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.
- *Greater Rochester Women's Fund*: To promote self-sufficiency for women and girls.
- *"H" Fund*: To support environmental programs and organizations that assist abused and homeless women.

Climate Solutions Accelerator: \$69,000

The Climate Solutions Accelerator is continuing to build capacity and formalize its role as the backbone organization for a climate-focused collective impact initiative, to effectively inspire and facilitate a large-scale climate mobilization in the nine-county Genesee-Finger Lakes region that will quickly and equitably reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect residents from the worst impacts of climate change.

Connected Communities: \$65,000

To dramatically shift the economic trajectories of underserved communities, collaboration among business, government, nonprofit, anchor institutions, and other community actors is required to confront and dismantle systemic barriers to economic mobility, with the end goal of creating resilient, thriving neighborhoods where all residents can prosper in place.

Empire Justice Center: \$65,000

CASH (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) provides the following services to low income families in Monroe County; free income tax preparation, asset building opportunities, and referrals to community resources.

Greyston: \$50,000

Greyston plans to expand the Open Hiring® business model to companies and communities throughout Greater Rochester. Open Hiring provides employment opportunities to those ready, willing and able to work without asking questions (e.g. no background checks, no resumes, no interviews).

GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY
Arts & Culture Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Anne McQuay Arts and Cultural Fund II: To benefit Rochester's music, dance, and cultural institutions.*
- *Castle Fund for Music Education: For music education in the Monroe County area.*
- *Community Arts Fund: To support small and emerging arts organizations.*
- *Community Impact Grant Fund: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.*
- *Dorothy Kitzing and Elizabeth Kitzing Fund: To support the performing arts and literacy training.*
- *Fund for the Fine and Performing Arts: To promote the growth and development of arts organizations.*
- *Loma Moyer Allen Arts for Youth Fund: To enable financially needy youth to participate in local arts and cultural programs.*
- *Rodney Hatch Family Fund: Established to support the arts.*
- *Ruth and Manville Harris Fund: Established to support community arts programs.*

A Magical Journey Thru Stages: \$4,000

The new Bridges program seeks to resolve the gap between ethnic and racial groups through youth theater. In collaboration with two or more local theater groups (Rochester Latino Theatre Company, Avenue Blackbox Theatre, and a larger, currently confidential, potential partnership), students will learn about each other's challenges and hear each other through a combined theater program that includes collaborative workshops and show productions.

Finger Lakes Opera Inc.: \$5,000

This project is geared toward the expansion and promotion of Finger Lakes Opera's outreach program for the 2021 season; specifically to more than double the number of outreach programs delivered in 2021 (10 live and 2 virtual) compared to 2019, five of which will have an emphasis on youth and other non-traditional operatic audiences.

Flower City Arts Center: \$5,000

Flower City Arts Center's initiative, Expanding the Field (ETF), provides Rochester-area, high school students of color with in-depth visual arts skill-building, practice, experiences, and mentorship, supporting their development and progression in the field.

Garth Fagan Dance: \$5,000

Garth Fagan Dance School seeks funding for its online youth programs, which provide rigorous dance training, health benefits, increased self-esteem, and other positive benefits to students from the City of Rochester and surrounding areas.

Gateways Music Festival: \$25,000

Gateways Music Festival 2021 supports and promotes classical musicians of African descent and raises awareness about their current and historic role in classical music through concerts, lectures, artistic residencies and public events. The festival will culminate with a performance at Carnegie Hall.

Genesee Valley Council on the Arts: \$5,000

The project will support a series of workshops, events and an exhibit that promote arts engagement and creation with Hispanic/Latinx communities in our predominantly rural region, through ongoing successful programs that reach this underserved, minority demographic as well as a new initiative with Genesee Valley Council on the Arts (GVCA).

Grupo Cultural Latinos En Rochester: \$5,000

Grupo Cultural Latinos en Rochester will present its first collaborative show to increase community awareness of Rochester's diverse, multicultural dance community and will include virtual programming in summer 2021.

Joseph Avenue Arts and Cultural Alliance: \$4,000

With a primary audience of Rochester's Northeast Quadrant families, and a secondary audience of Greater Rochester residents, Programs Engaging Underserved Youth and Families, Spring 2021 bridges school to home via the presentation of interactive arts programming as well as concert performances, free of charge to all participants.

Picture Fest International Inc.: \$4,000

The 2021 High Falls Women's Film Festival (HFWFF) is a five-day event celebrating the achievements of women in all aspects of filmmaking through film screenings, awards, panels, workshops and other events.

Publick Musick: \$4,000

Publick Musick will perform a series of free, outdoor pop-up chamber music concerts at various locations in the region.

PUSH Physical Theatre: \$5,000

This project will support development of "Generic White Male", a new artwork that will provoke difficult race, gender, bias and privilege conversations in the Rochester community and ultimately nationwide.

Rochester City Ballet: \$5,000

The project will support the work of guest choreographer, Kataryn Skarpetowska, to create a performance that will explore the innate need for people to gather, a relevant statement on the human experience based on current events related to the pandemic.

Rochester Community Players: \$4,000

Rochester Community Players Theater is performing a free Shakespeare production of "The Tempest" at the Highland Park Bowl in July 2021 that will showcase a blending of hearing and sign language actors.

Rochester Contemporary Art Center: \$5,000

This exhibition season includes Main Gallery exhibitions, LAB Space exhibitions, talks, and programs that advance the visual art community and support local, national and international artists.

Rochester Education Foundation: \$4,000

A one-day showcase and exhibition to strengthen existing relationships as well as introduce perspective institutions and organizations to professional teaching artists/performers that they can hire for program enrichment.

Rochester Fringe Festival: \$20,000

The 2021 Rochester Fringe Festival will take place September 14-25, 2021 and will present performances in a range of genres—Theatre, Music, Comedy, Dance, Kids Fringe, Multidisciplinary, Spoken Word, and Visual Arts & Film—of which at least a third will be free of charge.

Rochester Oratorio Society: \$3,500

The Rochester Oratorio Society will engage a regional cohort of hundreds of volunteers (singing members, board members, ushers, stage crew); the Robert Nathaniel Dett Chorale of Toronto; students at RIT, UR and Eastman School of Music, and Gateways Festival in the recognition of Black composer Robert Nathaniel Dett and performance of his seminal choral/orchestral masterwork, "The Ordering of Moses."

Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra: \$5,000

RPO Education Programs provide orchestral music experiences to more than 10,000 Rochester students each year, including all of Rochester City School District's third and fifth graders; concerts are paired with pre-concert classroom curricula tied to New York State Education Department Learning Standards for the Arts.

St. Peter's Community Arts Academy: \$5,000

The Finger Lakes community needs the arts education the Community Academy provides now more than ever; and with ongoing support, it will continue to provide high quality music and dance education as well as ensure scholarships are made available to those in need.

The Avenue Blackbox Theatre: \$5,000

As the only theatre located within the area of need known as "The Crescent", Avenue Fellowship Teen Enrichment and Responsibility (A.F.T.E.R.) school program for local young teens to work, learn and be mentored in arts, cultural, social justice and wellness studies.

The Center For Youth: \$4,000

Strings for Success (SFS) is an innovative, free, inclusive music program fostering for students in grades 3-8 at School 19; providing lessons, ensembles, performance opportunities, and interaction with visiting artists, designed to create skilled musicians, strengthen social-emotional development, and create pathways for future academic success, career development, and personal transformation.

The Hochstein School: \$4,000

Making Music, Making Strides is a partnership between Hochstein and YMCA's urban childcare centers to provide low-income families residing in the city with early music education for their pre-K students.

The Hochstein School: \$5,000

The ROCmusic Collaborative will provide free access to musical instruction, instruments, and transportation to Rochester youth in their neighborhoods. Music will serve as the vehicle for employable skill acquisition, leadership training, and cultural competencies.

Writers & Books: \$4,000

DARK BLUE MONDAZE is an eight-week applied theater arts/literary arts Residency that will empower a diverse pool of six Fellows, ages 19 - 29, with opportunities to make art, engage critically with literary works and ideas, and gain practical skills for careers in the arts and other fields.

Cross-Cutting

Cross-cutting grants support our work in more than one Goal or Action Area.

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Ibero-American Action League: \$5,000

Funding supports a community leader's participation in a leadership development program that prepares health and social service providers to succeed in the changing healthcare environment.

Multiple Applicants: \$35,000

NeighborGood provides funding for projects throughout the City of Rochester and is a signature collaboration between the city, neighborhood-based groups, and the Community Foundation.