

**PROGRAM/DISTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 2021 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
*Education Action Area***

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.
- *Deanne Molinari Fund*: To support youth combatting issues of poverty, limited education, health needs, and violence in our community.
- *Early Childhood Education Fund*: To support the educational and social development of children from birth to Kindergarten age in greater Rochester.
- *Edna Jeanne Brush Fund*: For early childhood education and development.
- *Louis P. and Betty A. Iacona Youth Success Fund*: To support after-school and summer enrichment for low-income youth.
- *Robert and Ann Van Neil Fund*: Supports early childhood education.
- *Rogerson Fund for Handicapped Children*: Addresses needs of physically, mentally, socially, or economically disadvantaged children. Includes those whose situation puts them at a disadvantage in life.
- *Sinclair Fund for Early Childhood Education*: To support early childhood education.
- *VJ Stanley Sr. Fund*: To support literacy from birth to 5th grade, veterans, and health/disease areas.
- *Wilson and Frances Stewart Fund*: To support programs benefiting children (preschool through high school).

Children's Institute: \$45,000

Supporting the social, emotional, and behavioral health of young children to ensure that they are successful in school and life.

Children's Institute: \$30,000

RECAP is a comprehensive assessment system that works to improve the quality of pre-K classrooms. Student, teacher, and system performance is assessed with easily interpreted data.

Children's Institute: \$20,000

Rochester Area Parent Program, a program based on the evidence-based Chicago Parent Program, helps parents of children birth to age 5 to strengthen their parenting skills and gain confidence in managing their children's behaviors.

Family Resource Centers (FRC) of Hillside Children's Centers: \$25,000

Assist up to 25 in-home urban family childcare providers to better support child development and early learning.

Hoekelman Center, University of Rochester Department of Pediatrics: \$20,000

The "Joy of Literacy Kits" is a project focused on increasing kindergarten readiness for children attending Rochester City School District's Universal Pre-Kindergarten programs by providing home literacy kits to their families to support the development of their child's emergent literacy skills.

New York State Network for Youth Success: \$10,000

This proposal supports the NYS mandated school-age childcare credential process for staff in the greater Rochester area and the NYS after-school accreditation process for interested programs. It also provides an avenue at the state level to address systemic issues, policy changes, gaps, and needs in the out-of-school time (OST) arena with state-level administrators and leaders.

Reach Out and Read Upstate NY (ROR): \$25,000

Reach Out and Read supports incorporating books and literacy into pediatric care in the first five years of a child’s life, especially for those with high needs or who are hard to reach. At well-child visits, doctors give each child a book to take home, and families are encouraged to read aloud to their child.

Rochester Childfirst Network (RCN): \$25,000

Supporting high-quality, in-home family childcare providers with the tools they need to develop professionally and personally so children in their care receive excellent care and education.

Rochester Education Foundation: \$20,000

Rochester Education Foundation (REF) has been supporting college access for Rochester city students since 2014. REF launched the College Access program in response to a report written for the Community Foundation titled “*Success for Rochester City Students: Making a College Education Attainable*” (2013).

The Children’s Agenda: \$50,000

The Children’s Agenda is aimed at expanding access to evidence-based programs and strategies to increase the likelihood of children’s success in school and beyond, with a primary focus on the City of Rochester and Monroe County and advocacy work at the local level and beyond to benefit children.



GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
Poverty Action Area

Recommendation is supported by:

- *Catalysts for Change Fund*: This endowment supports the region’s current and changing needs, particularly those deemed critical by the Community Foundation.
- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.

United Way of Greater Rochester: \$25,000

The Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative (RMAPI) is a multi-sector community collaborative with a goal to improve quality of life by reducing poverty and increasing self-sufficiency.

GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
Racial Equity Action Area

Recommendation is supported by:

- *Bernice Stauber Fund*: To assist Monroe County children under 21 who suffer from a physical, mental, or medical disability.

Center for Governmental Research: \$39,000

Center for Governmental Research (CGR) will use data insights, research and collaboration to assist Autism Up in achieving its vision to be racially, linguistically and geographically inclusive.

GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY
Environmental Justice & Sustainability Action Area

Recommendation is supported by:

- *H Fund*: To support environmental programs.
- *Gonsenhauser Family Fund*: To support agricultural education and urban farming.

Taproot Collective: \$35,845

This project advances environmental justice in the Beechwood neighborhood by protecting and enhancing community gardens and establishes an equitable city land-sale policy through collaboration from government and local frontline nonprofits.

GOAL: STRENGTHEN REGIONAL VITALITY
Historic Preservation Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Elizabeth Gibson Holahan Fund*: To support historic preservation.
- *Lloyd E. Klos Historical Fund*: To support historical preservation, education and information.
- *William R. and Elizabeth N. Sheldon Fund*: To support the Caledonia-Mumford area.

Center for Teen Empowerment: \$20,000

The Clarissa Assets for Digital Generations suite of digital resources will allow Teen Empowerment (TE) and the Clarissa St. Reunion Committee (CSRC) to build out experiences that preserve and connect the story of Rochester's first African American neighborhood and immerse diverse audiences – especially by age, race, and geography – on a path toward equity.

Churchbell Creative, LLC: \$20,000

This television documentary project will creatively explore ways that the agriculturally and architecturally significant Wells barns can regain their relevance through adaptive reuse while fostering community engagement in their history, heritage, and present-day plight for

preservation before they disappear from the region's landscape entirely due to development, decay, and obsolescence.

Cracker Box Palace: \$15,000

Repair of the roof of the historic Shaker First House to stabilize the structure and allow for renovations and public programming.

Friends & Foundation of Rochester Public Library: \$20,000

The second phase of the Rochester Public Library plan would establish a community-curated archive of local Black history and culture. The project includes a paid community advisory board, creation of a guide to existing Black history collections, and a survey of African American organizations and individuals to identify archival collections that should be preserved and made available for public use.

Friends of Ganondagan: \$14,950

Haudenosaunee Healthy Roots, Culture, and Traditions programming consists of a series of five events – offered between September 2021 and August 2022 – which provide authentic engagement and experiential learning in Haudenosaunee culture and living traditions, while connecting to food systems and the natural world.

Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery: \$15,000

This project will repair and preserve all broken and toppled gravestones in Section T and restore the Frederick Douglass family plot, which is currently in poor condition.

Friends of Parrott Hall, Inc.: \$15,000

Parrott Hall's stabilization, remediation, and rehabilitation, after 50 years of vacancy, will help advance revitalization within the region as well as the City of Geneva, as it is adjacent to Castle Street in Geneva, a corridor called out in Geneva's Comprehensive Plan and an important link between downtown Geneva and Cornell AgriTech.

Genesee Country Village & Museum: \$12,700

To complete the exterior restoration, including painting and masonry repairs, of Brooks Grove Methodist Church, which is a historical building originally from Brooks Grove, NY, built in 1844.

National Women's Hall of Fame: \$15,000

This project focuses on repairing and preserving the original existing wooden spiral staircase and stairwell on all floors, which will serve as the second means of safety egress now and once restoration of all upper floors is completed.

Rochester Community TV, Inc.: \$15,000

"Black Radio Rochester" is an audio documentary project produced by and for City of Rochester youth that explores the history of African American radio in Rochester from 1938 to the present, uncovering the stories of pioneering local broadcasters and the communities that they informed, empowered, and entertained.

Sonnenberg Gardens, Inc.: \$10,000

Historic restoration of two greenhouses and painting the east display wing, the vinery, and vegetable house for native plant propagation.

South Farmington Friends Cemetery Association: \$10,000

SFFCA seeks to rehabilitate the interior of the historic South Farmington Cemetery Chapel damaged by the tornado of 2015. A new roof was installed last summer to allow interior work to begin.

The Cobblestone Society: \$15,000

This project replaces the roof on the Brick House, restores the front door of the Ward House, and does electrical updates to three buildings for safety, functionality, and museum expansion.

The Hochstein School: \$20,000

The interior of the historic Hochstein Performance Hall will be renewed and restored through extensive repairs and new finishes.

The Landmark Society of Western New York: \$30,000

Funded through a \$750,000 grant awarded to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (NYSHPO) from the National Park Service's Paul Bruhn Rural Revitalization Grants Program, the Genesee Valley Rural Revitalization (GVRRL) Grant Program, administered by Landmark and NYSHPO, aims to support historic restoration and rehabilitation projects throughout rural communities in the Finger Lakes and Western New York.