**Community Grants Request for Proposals**

NextGen requests proposals for our 2021 round of Community Grants to assist organizations working to improve Greater Rochester.

NextGen Rochester was founded in 2009 and is a peer-led form of philanthropy. We are the next generation of citizens who make “giving back” part of our lives through leadership, community involvement, and philanthropy.

Our group is comprised of a cross section of the community (typically ages 21-45) who find value in grantmaking to local charitable causes and addressing community needs. It is the intention of NextGen Rochester to not only build assets, but also compassion, knowledge, and engagement in important issues facing our community.

Each NextGen Rochester member contributes to a fund that awards grants to nonprofits selected by the members. By pooling our donations together, emerging leaders are given a seat of influence in greater Rochester and are able to create an impact far greater than each of us could individually.

# Community Grants Funding Priorities

To support organizations and activities that advance important work in the following issue areas:

* **Poverty Alleviation** (Serving, supporting, and aiding those in our community below the poverty line)
* **Human Rights** (Discrimination, racism, fair housing, justice reform, civil, political and disability rights, etc.)
* **Youth Engagement** (Facilitating stronger relationships among and between the youth of our community to create positive social change)

**NextGen will strongly consider projects that do the following:**

1. Keep the grant money in the community and support the local economy;
2. Involve a diverse group of participants in the organization’s programs or projects, including, but not limited to; people of different races, ages, and geographical residences; and
3. Encourage communication and cooperation among different organizations, associations, agencies, and institutions in the community.

**Who’s eligible to apply for NextGen Community Grants?**

Organizations classified by the Internal Revenue Service as 501(c) organizations or described in 170(c)(1) serving Monroe, Ontario, Wayne, Genesee, Livingston, Seneca, Yates and Orleans Counties. This can include service, charitable, faith-based, educational, and government organizations and institutions, as well as other 501(c)(3) organizations.

**Grant awards and amounts will be determined by the members of NextGen.**

**Typical grants range between $500-$3,000.**

### Additional Requirements:

1. All grantees must submit a final report to the NextGen within 60 days of the conclusion of the funded project(s)/program(s).
2. Significant changes to the funded project(s)/program(s) must be approved by the NextGen advisory committee.
3. Applicants and grantees may be visited by NextGen members. Grantees may also be invited to attend NextGen meetings or events.
4. The following are **excluded** from consideration:
   1. Programs that promote a particular religious or political ideology;
   2. Endowment campaigns; and
   3. Gala events and other special fundraising events.

Please also make sure the contact information listed, especially the email address, is for the person primarily responsible for this application.

**How do I apply?**

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=racfg>

Applications are due no later than October 15, 2021. Grant applicant finalists will be notified by October 29, 2021 and invited to attend NextGen’s Annual Community Showcase tentatively scheduled for Monday evening, November 15, 2021, to briefly present their program for final consideration and voting by the NextGen Membership.

Notices will be made prior to December 31, 2021.