

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

GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
Poverty Action Area

Recommendation is supported by:

- *Elmer Schwittek Free Enterprise Fund*: Established by a donor who cared deeply about promoting understanding of free enterprise.

Greater Rochester Enterprise Foundation: \$40,000

Economic Gardening is an economic development strategy that accelerates the growth of second stage businesses and the creation of new jobs by providing assistance to companies that are poised for expansion.

GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
Racial Equity Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Community Impact Grant Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.
- *Dolores S. and Richard S. Stover Fund*: This fund was created to support women and children in the Rochester region.
- *Elizabeth and Eric Rennert Family Fund for Women and Girls*: The fund was established by a Pittsford couple to support programs that help women and girls achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Breathe Deep: \$20,000

Changing Our Narrative: Conversations About Mental Health is a program designed to provide a safe space for Black women and girls to address experiences of mental health, grief, and loss through mindfulness and reflective, artistic, and culturally relevant strategies to increase healing and self-care practices.

Causewave Community Partners: \$25,925

Causewave's 2018 study on representations of race in local news media was repeated in 2020. This new project includes the rollout of the new data to the community and the continuation of conversations between community and media professionals. The project has been designed to lead to improvements in the way local media tells the stories of the whole community, with a special focus on storytelling in and about communities of color.

PathStone Foundation: \$50,000

Facilitates the adoption of a newly created racial equity-oriented curriculum, "Untold History: Structural Racism & Resistance" in schools and school districts across Monroe County.

Teen Empowerment: \$60,000

Teen Empowerment had a successful 2020-2021 year despite needing to adapt to COVID guidelines, engaging 1,500 youth. This year, the organization will deploy and improve on techniques they have developed throughout the pandemic to engage approximately 800 to 1,200 youth and adults and further embed in our neighborhoods, with a focus on the Southwest and Northeast quadrants.