GIVING

African American Giving Initiative: $15,500
Beyond the Sanctuary: Drive To Success, $4,000
Center for Employment Opportunities: Employment Re-Entry Services for Formerly Incarcerated, $2,500
Center for Teen Empowerment: Intergenerational History Ambassadors Project, $2,500
Dress for Success Rochester: Career Development and Training Programs, $2,500
Rochester Black Nurses Association: See Me Project, $4,000

Developmental Disabilities Giving Circle, $35,400
ARC Monroe: Customized Employment Project, $31,800
Job Path of New York: Training for Customized Employment Project, $3,600

LGBT+ Giving Circle: $70,500
The Avenue Blackbox Theatre
• Operating Support, $3,000
• Programs for BIPOC and LGBTQ Youth, $3,000
BOA Editions Ltd.
• Poetry Publication Chen Chen, $1,000
• Tenderness by Derrick Austin Publishing Project, $1,000
Center for Teen Empowerment: Youth Peace Initiatives, $6,000 (2)
The Center for Youth: Arnett House: LGBTQ and Trafficked Homeless Youth, $2,000
Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes: LGBTQ+ Expanded Support Program, $6,000 (2)
Family Promise of Greater Rochester (formerly RAHIH): Prevention and Rehousing Program, $2,000
Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council: Music for the Soul, $3,000
Girls Rock! Rochester: LGBTQ+ Programming, $2,500 (2)
ImageOut Film Festival: General Operations Support, $5,500 (2)
Jewish Community Center of Greater Rochester: The Rochester Voices of AIDS Care: Past, Present, Future, $1,500
Jewish Family Services of Rochester: Pencils & Paper: Tools for Learning, $6,000 (2)
Judicial Process Commission: Services for LGBTQ Ex-offenders, $3,000
Legal Assistance of Western New York: LGBTQ+ Name Change Advocacy Project, $2,000
M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence: School Climate Transformation Project, $6,000 (2)
Memorial Art Gallery: AIDS Exhibit Admission, $1,750
PUSH Physical Theatre: “The Fundamental Wrongness of Me”, $1,500
Rochester Gay Men’s Chorus: Roc’n Rainbow Connection, $1,000
ROcovery Fitness: Fitness Programming and Peer Support, $2,000
Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach: Family Reunification Program, $6,000 (2)
Veterans Outreach Center: Peer Support, Morale, and Wellness Suicide Prevention Project, $3,000
Wood Library: Read with Pride, $1,750

NewNextGen Rochester: $16,375
Center for Teen Empowerment: Intergenerational History Ambassadors Exhibit, $1,000
EnCompass: Resources for Learning: What’s Cookin’, $3,000
NAMI Rochester: Justice Reform, $3,000
Presbytery of Genesee Valley: South Wedge Food Pantry, $2,500
River Flow Soccer Club: Leveling the Playing Field, $3,000

The Shore Foundation: Bridge the Digital Divide for Low-Income People, $2,100
The South Wedge Food Program: Emergency Food Program, $1,000
WriteRochester: Give Back, Give Books Program, $775

Rochester Women’s Giving Circle: $398,200
Cameron Community Ministries: Respect & Responsibility for Girls, $50,000 (2)
Center for Employment Opportunities: Support Services for Formerly Incarcerated, Working Women, $7,500
Center for Teen Empowerment: Young Women’s Leadership and Employment Project, $50,000 (2)
Consumer Credit Counseling of Rochester: C.A.S.H. Coach Program, $37,200 (2)
Girl Scouts of Western New York: Out-of-School Time Program, $30,000 (2)
Greentopia: Green Visions: Growing Healthy Futures, $40,000 (2)
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Giving Circle Grants: $534,175
The five giving circles at Rochester Area Community Foundation provide an entrée to philanthropy for their more than 300-plus members. Each giving circle has its own mission. Members contribute annually to the giving circle’s fund and, in most cases, they vote on grants vetted and recommended by other members or a grant review committee. The following grants were made between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2022.