

PROGRAM/DISTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE
December 2022 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

GOAL: CREATE AN EQUITABLE COMMUNITY
Poverty Action Area

Recommendations are supported by:

- *Community Impact Fund*: Unrestricted fund for general charitable and educational purposes.
- *Laszlo Family Fund*: Provides financial support to charities in Monroe County that provide food to persons experiencing food insecurity; shelter to homeless persons; and/or services and housing to persons suffering mental illness

Community Programs: \$2,000

The Financial Assistance Grant Program was launched in 2013 with support from the W.R. and Dorothy Brogan Fund, which was established “to provide financial assistance to low or middle-income working families in the Rochester Area Community Foundation region who are faced with medical or other types of emergencies or crisis for which other resources are not available”.

The Children’s Agenda: \$60,000

The Children’s Agenda seeks to advance policy and systems change at the city, county, and statewide level in support of Rochester’s children and families. In the year ahead TCA aims to specifically; (1) Increase the number of low-income families with access to high-quality, affordable childcare; (2) Increase equity and access to Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education services; and (3) Phase out exclusionary discipline for children in grades K – 3, replacing them with better mental health supports and restorative practices.

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.
- *Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund*: This Foundation Fund supports projects, programs, and initiatives that address and remedy inequities and injustices and build common ground throughout our eight-county region.

540WMain: \$50,000

540WMain is an organization that uses classes, workshops, and services to promote practical strategies for achieving antiracist social equity. This request is to support costs associated with the increasing costs of their core programming to a growing audience. Their programming includes, but is not limited to, Antiracism Practice course, Gentrification Conference, a public-art project in collaboration with RIT professor Hinda Mandell, and a 4-H program training low-income youths in environmental justice and entrepreneurship.

PathStone Foundation: \$51,000

This proposal facilitates the ability to scale the adoption of the racial equity-oriented curriculum, “Untold History: Structural Racism & Resistance” in school districts across Monroe County. Their team launched a video project that will become the centerpiece of their community education, supplement in-class instruction, and create an accessible and sustainable resource that is not dependent on any one person or leadership.